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IRON MIKE McGRAW SPEARHEADS A "GYRENE RAID!"

LOOK AT
SKINNY!
I wouldn't be seen with him!
LATER
...AND HE USED TO BE SO SKINNY!
AM I PROUD OF THE WAY THE GIRLS LOOK AT YOU!
WHAT A MAN!

SKINNY

MEN ARE OFTEN ASHAMED TO STRIP FOR SPORTS OR FOR A SWIM!

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GUNG HO! GO! GO! GO! JOIN THE *MARINES IN BATTLE* WITH THE GREATEST GYRENE OF ALL...

"IRON MIKE" McGRAW

GREAT GIZMO, IRON MIKE! WE'VE HIT THE JACKPOT! THREE RED GENERALS!

THOSE TWO GREAT MARINES, "IRON MIKE" McGRAW AND "GUNNY" GORSKI BATTLED THROUGH THE MOST DARING WAR ADVENTURE OF THEIR LIVES WHEN THEY INFILTRATED INTO COMMIELAND AND PULLED A..."*GYRENE RAID!*"

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YEAH, GUNNY! AN' IF WE CAN GET THEM BACK TO OUR LINES, MAYBE CAP'N ROCK WILL BE ABLE TO FIND OUT FROM THEM WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THOSE BANZAI ATTACKS HITTIN' OUR POSITIONS LATELY!

OF COURSE WE KNOW!

ALSO WE KNOW WHO IS GOING TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SUDDEN JOURNEY TO MEET ANCESTORS!

DRAW YOUR PISTOLS, COMRADES, ALL AT ONCE!

AT THE SIGHT OF THE THREE REDS GOING FOR THEIR SIDEARMS, "IRON MIKE" McGRAW AND HIS BUDDY "GUNNY" GORSKI TRIGGERED THEIR WEAPONS INTO ACTION...

GET THE GUNS ONLY, GUNNY!

BLAM!

THREE SHOTS EXPLODED FROM MIKE'S RIFLE AND GUNNY'S GREASE GUN AND EACH BULLET PLUCKED A GUN OUT OF THE COMMIES' HANDS...

THEY FORCED US TO SHOOT SO THE GUARDS WE SNEAKED THRU OUTSIDE WOULD HEAR THE SHOTS AN' COME A-RUNNIN'!

YOU'RE RIGHT, GUNNY! THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY ALREADY!

WE CAN'T GET OUT THE BACK WAY EITHER! WE'RE SURROUNDED BY REDS!

LET'S GO UPSTAIRS! AN' WE'RE TAKIN' THESE THREE WITH US!

THE GUARDS DON'T KNOW WE'RE UP HERE ON THE ROOF... THEY'RE ALL PILIN' INSIDE!

THEN THEY'LL SOON FIND OUT *WHERE* WE SNEAKED TO!

SO WHILE YOU GUARD OUR PRISONERS, I'LL WAIT RIGHT HERE AND GIVE THE GUARDS A *GA-RAND* WELCOME WHEN THEY COME UP THE STAIRS!

HERE THEY COME NOW!

AN' THERE THEY *GO!*

THERE'RE TOO MANY OF 'EM, IRON MIKE! YOU CAN'T HOLD 'EM OFF MUCH LONGER!

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF IRON MIKE!

THERE'S A COMMAND CAR PARKED BELOW! LET'S JILT THESE THREE GENERAL GUYS AN' MAKE ANCHORS AWEIGH IN THAT BUGGY!

WILCO! BUT WE'RE TAKING THESE THREE COMMIE SOUVENIRS WITH US!

I'LL GO DOWN FIRST TO MAKE SURE THEY WON'T GET AWAY WHEN THEY JUMP DOWN!

OKAY! YOU BOYS ARE NEXT!

NO! WE REFUSE TO JUMP!

BUT I *INSIST*, GENERAL!

THE TWO OTHER COMMIE OFFICERS FOLLOWED THE FIRST GENERAL DOWN! THEN ONLY IRON MIKE WAS LEFT ON THE ROOF...

BOOM!

I'M COMIN' ABOARD, GUNNY! POUR ON THE PETROL!

YOU WILL NOT GET FAR, YONKEES! THIS ENTIRE HEADQUARTERS AREA IS SURROUNDED BY MY TROOPS!

BEFORE I GO, HERE'S A *RECEIPT* FOR YOUR THREE GENERALS!

THANKS FOR THE ENCOURAGIN' WORDS, GENERAL, BUT WE *KNOW* THAT! WE GOT INTO THIS AREA, AN' WE'RE GETTIN' *OUT!*

ZIG AND ZAG, GUNNY! THOSE REDS ON THE ROOF ARE THROWING LEAD AT US!

ZING

SPLAT

NICE MANEUVERING, MATE! NO BULLET'S CRAZY ENOUGH TO FOLLOW *THIS* COURSE!

THERE'S A BLOCKADE AHEAD!

POINT IT OUT TO ME WITH THIS FOUR-WHEELED RAMROD YOU'RE PILOTING, GUNNY BOY!

THERE *WAS* A BLOCKADE THERE!

BUT YOU WILL NOT ESCAPE!

CRASH!

...BECAUSE MY MOTORIZED POLICE ARE COMING TO RESCUE US!

WHEN I GET THRU WITH 'EM, GENERAL, THEY *WON'T* BE COMING!

IRON MIKE AIMS FOR THE TIRES AND...

THEY'LL BE *GOING... GOING... GONE!*

KA-RASH!

BAM! BAM!

NOW WE'RE ON OUR MERRY WAY IN THIS PUTT-MOBILE TOWARD OUR LINES... AND NOTHING CAN STOP US!

ARE YOU MAKIN' THAT STATEMENT *BEFORE* OR *AFTER* LOOKIN' *UP* ABOVE US, IRON MIKE?

IT'S A COMMIE 'COPTER! AN' THEY'RE DROPPIN' GRENADES IN FRONT OF US TO STOP US!

THEN I'LL RETURN THE FAVOR, AND STOP *THEM!*

HALLS OF MONTEZUMA! I'M OUT OF AMMO!

CLICK! CLICK!

BUT THEY'RE NOT!

BOOM!

THAT GRENADE CONKED OUT OUR GETAWAY CAR!

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE OR I SHOOT!

NOW YOU ARE *MY* PRISONERS AND *I* GIVE ORDERS! CLIMB UP THAT LADDER... *QUICKLY!*

PILOT! RETURN US TO HEADQUARTERS WHERE I WILL DEAL WITH THESE YONKEES!

NO DEAL! THE ONLY PLACE YOUR PILOT'S GOING IS... *OUT!*

...AND WITHOUT A PILOT WE'RE *ALL* GOING DOWN!

THE 'COPTER COMES CRASHING DOWN ON A COMMIE RIVER JUNK LADEN WITH AMMO AND EXPLOSIVES...

GREAT GIZMO! WE CRASHED RIGHT ON TOP OF A COMMIE AMMO JUNK!

YEAH! AN' THE CRASH SET IT ON FIRE!

IF WE DON'T ABANDON SHIP ON THE DOUBLE HUBBA-HUBBA, WE'LL BE BACK IN THE AIR, FLYING *WITHOUT* A 'COPTER!

PLEASE TAKE US WITH YOU! WE DO NOT KNOW ART OF SWIMMING!

THIS SEA-GOIN' BOMB WILL BLAST ANY SECOND! INTO THE WATER, CHUM!

HOKAY!

SO IRON MIKE AND GUNNY HAULED THE THREE COMMIE GENERALS TOWARD THE SHORE, AND BEHIND THEM, THE AMMO-LADEN RED ARMY JUNK DISAPPEARED INTO A GLOWING FIRE-BALL...

BAR-ROOM!

OH, YOU VERY BRAVE YONKEES! YOU SAVED OUR LIVES! WE VERY GRATEFUL! WE DO *ANYTHING* YOU ASK!

JUST HEAD THAT WAY TOWARD OUR LINE AN' I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING!

AN HOUR LATER, THE TWO GYRENES WERE BACK AT THEIR OUTFIT WITH THE COMMIE PRISONERS...

THESE MAY BE THE BIG BRAINS BEHIND THE ATTACKS!

WE WILL TELL EVERYTHING, CAPTAIN, ON ONE CONDITION...

GIVE *PROMOTION* TO THESE TWO BRAVE, FEARLESS, COURAGEOUS AMAZING MARINES!

SHORES OF TRIPOLI! NOW I'VE HEARD EVERYTHING!

THE END

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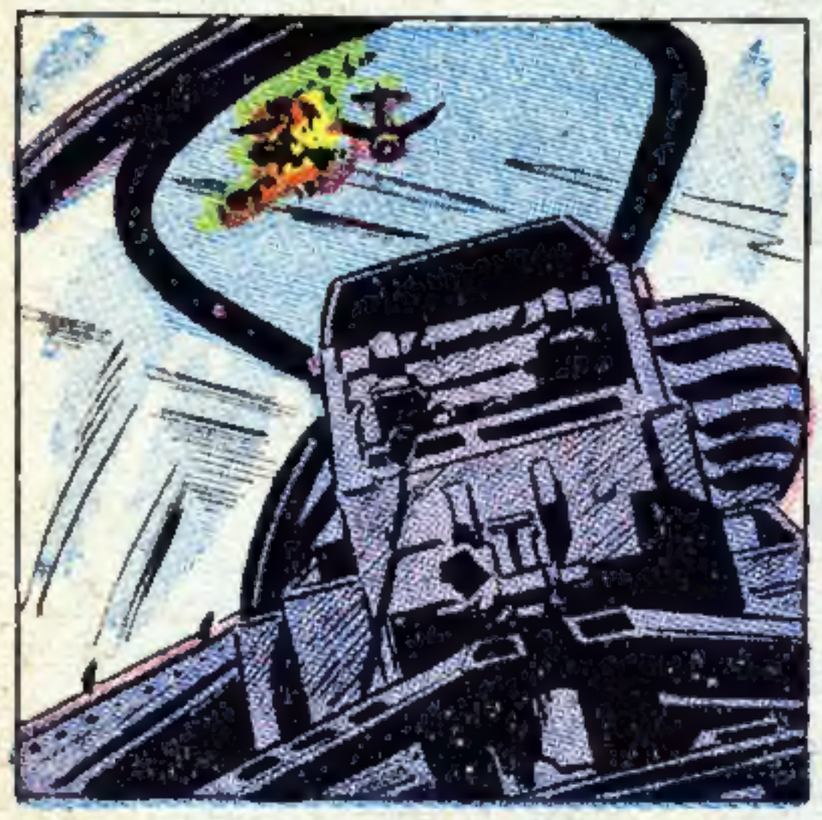
A NIGHT JET KILL! IT HAD NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE IN THE HISTORY OF COMBAT AVIATION! NOT UNTIL THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 3RD, 1952, WHEN MARINE PILOT MAJOR WILLIAM T. STRATTON, JR. AND HIS RADAR OPERATOR, MASTER SERGEANT HANS C. HOGLIND, IN AN F3D SKYKNIGHT NAMED "JULIE MAY" MADE RADAR CONTACT WITH A RUSSIAN-BUILT YAK-15 OVER NORTH KOREA AND SCORED STILL ANOTHER "**FIRST**" FOR THE U.S. MARINE CORPS... AND FOR THE MARINE NIGHT-FIGHTING SQUADRON 513!

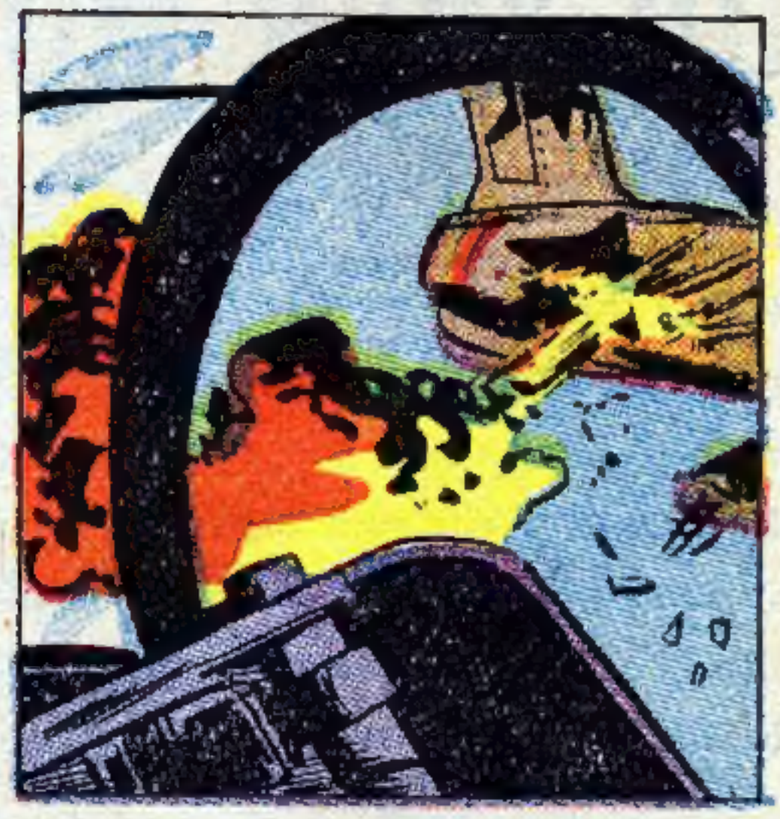
THE FLYING NIGHTMARES!

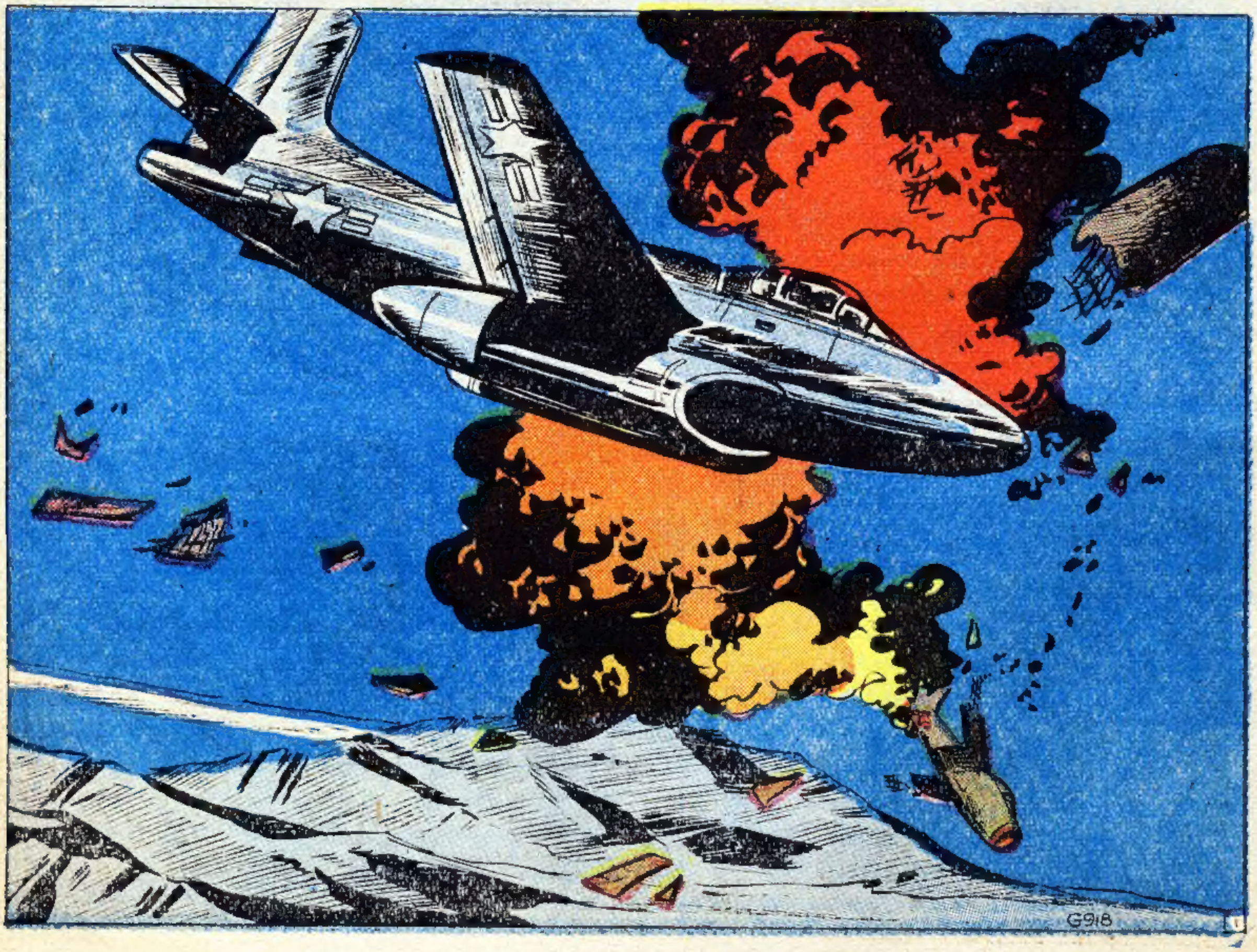
THE FIRST BURSTS FROM THE **SKYKNIGHT'S** CANNONS CHOPPED INTO THE COMMIE'S PORT WING...



THE SECOND BURST RAKED THE RED'S FUSELAGE...

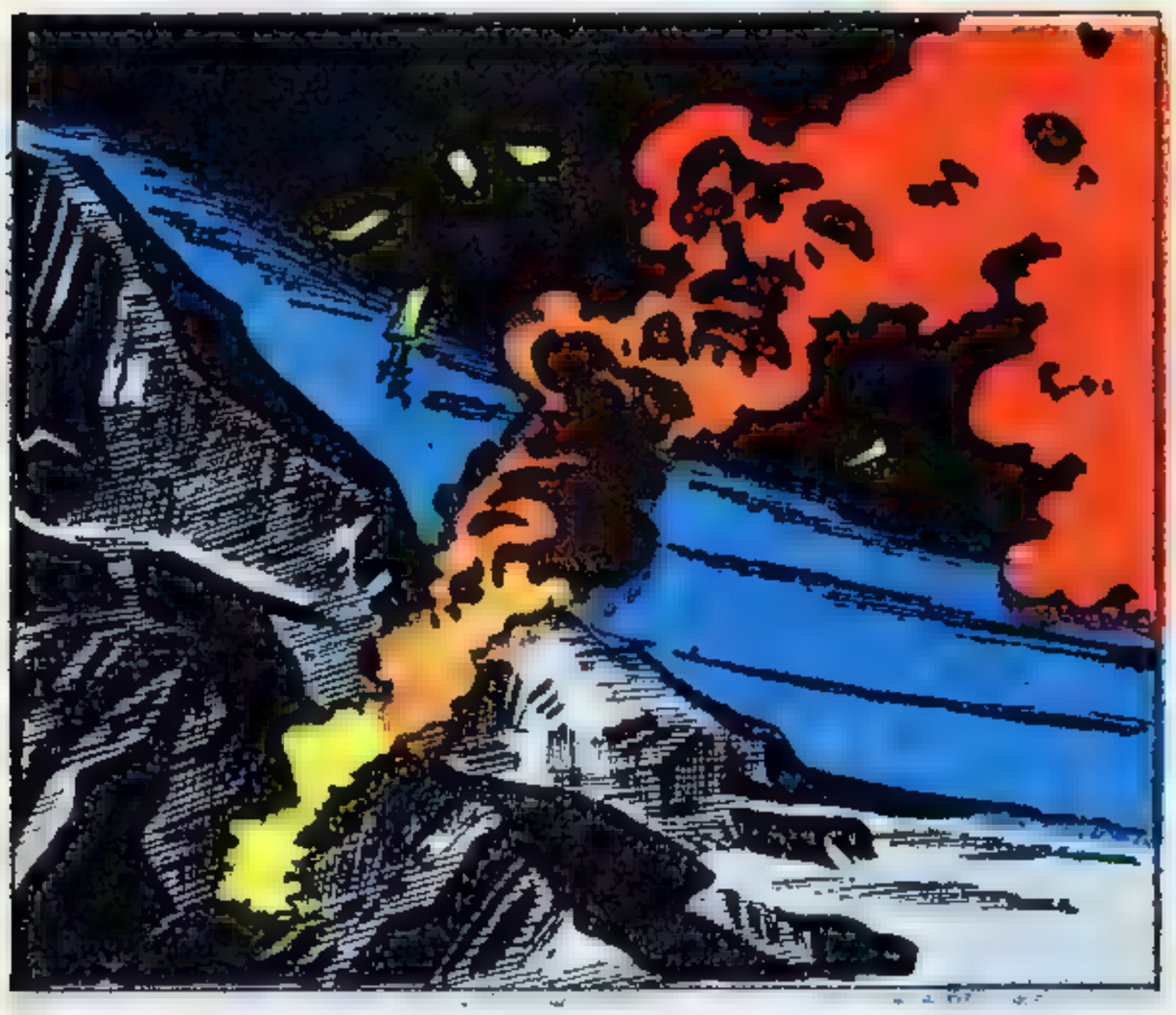
THE THIRD BLAST WAS THE KILLER-DILLER! THE 20-MM SHELLS WENT RIGHT INTO THE YAK'S JET TAILPIPE!



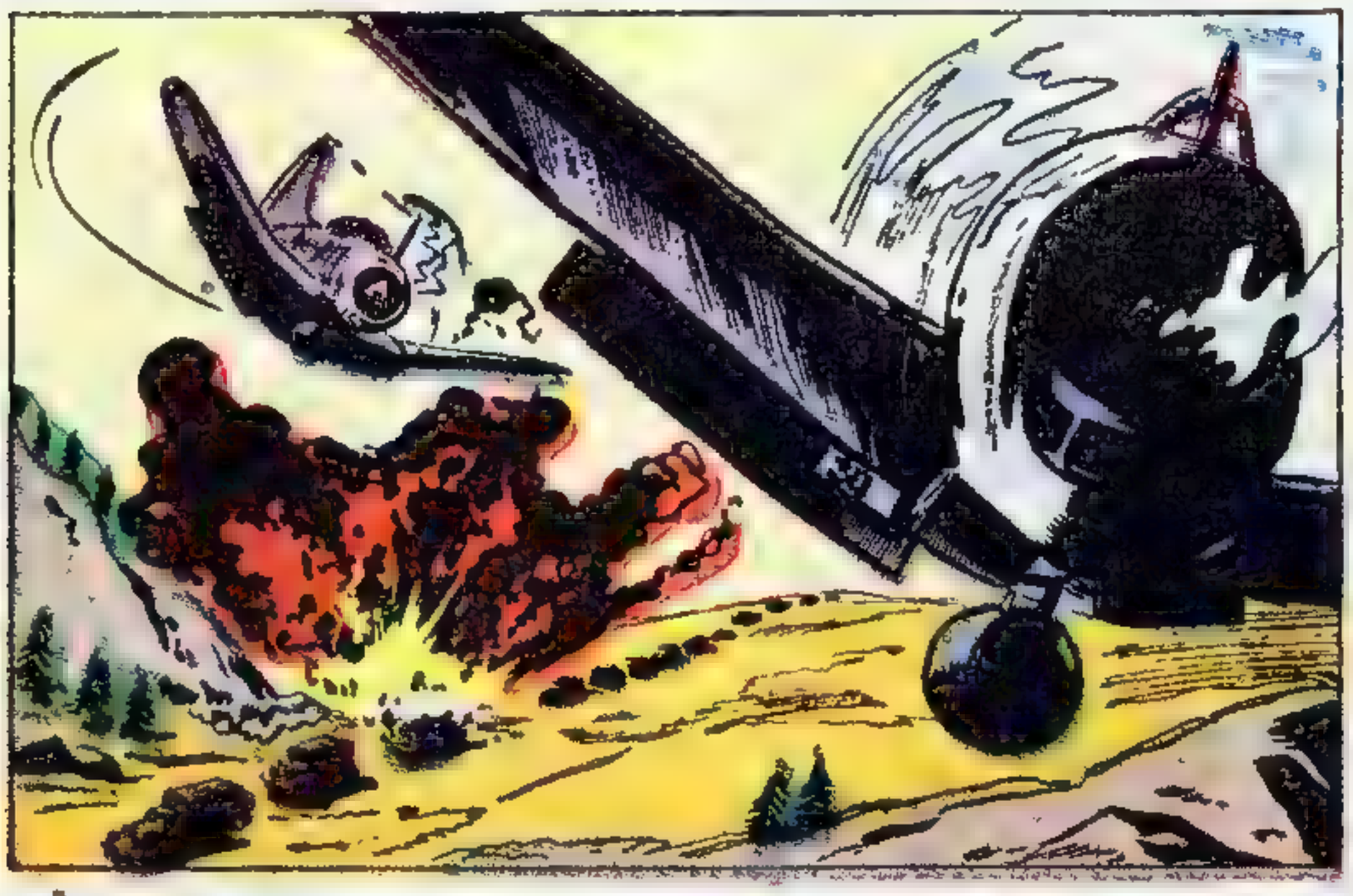


ONLY EIGHT MINUTES HAD PASSED FROM THE TIME MAJOR STRATTON'S "JULIE MAY" HAD MADE RADAR CONTACT WITH THE **YAK-15**, TO THE TIME THE ENEMY JET WENT PLUNGING EARTHWARD, TRAILING BLACK SMOKE AND FIRE!

AND AFTER THAT **FIRST NIGHT JET KILL**, MARINE NIGHT-FIGHTING SQUADRON 513 ADDED ANOTHER REASON WHY, TO THE COMMUNISTS, THEY WERE **"THE FLYING NIGHTMARES"!**



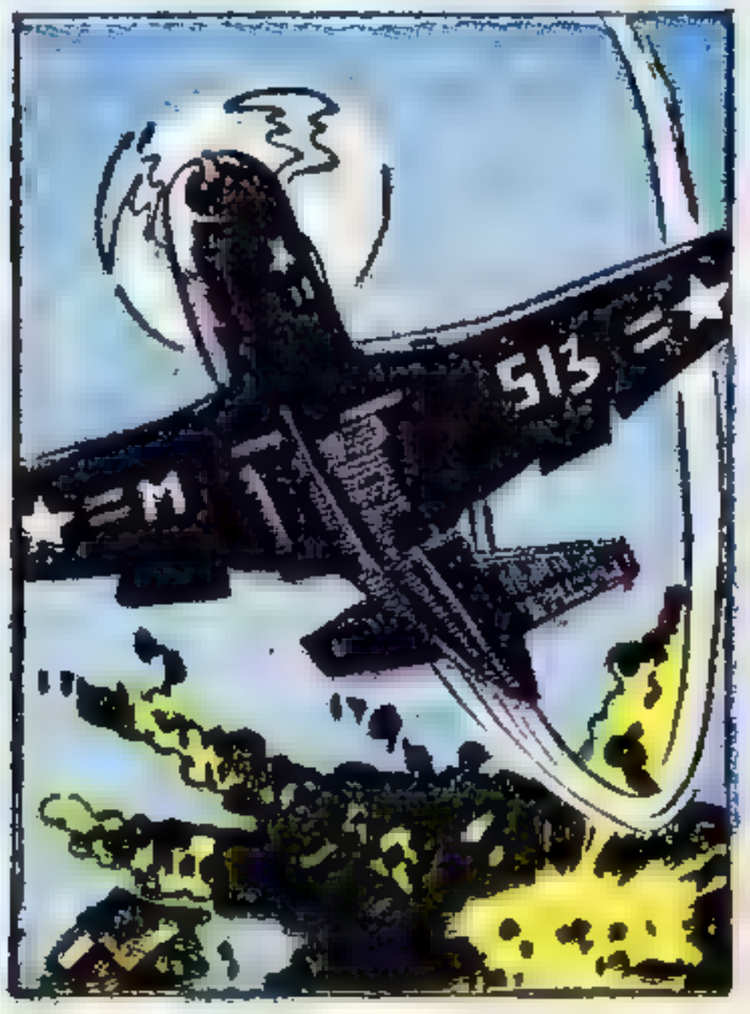
SQUADRON 513 HAD EARNED ITS **"FLYING NIGHTMARES"** NAME EARLY IN THE KOREAN WAR, WHEN THEY FLEW PROP-PUSHED **CORSAIRS** AND **TIGERCATS** AGAINST THE REDS...



WE MUST GET SUPPLIES TO OUR TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA, BUT **HOW** CAN WE DO IT, WHEN EVERY DAY THOSE MARINE FLYERS DESTROY EVERY CONVOY WE PUT ON THE ROAD?
PERHAPS IF WE MOVED THE SUPPLIES DURING THE NIGHT, COMRADE COLONEL?

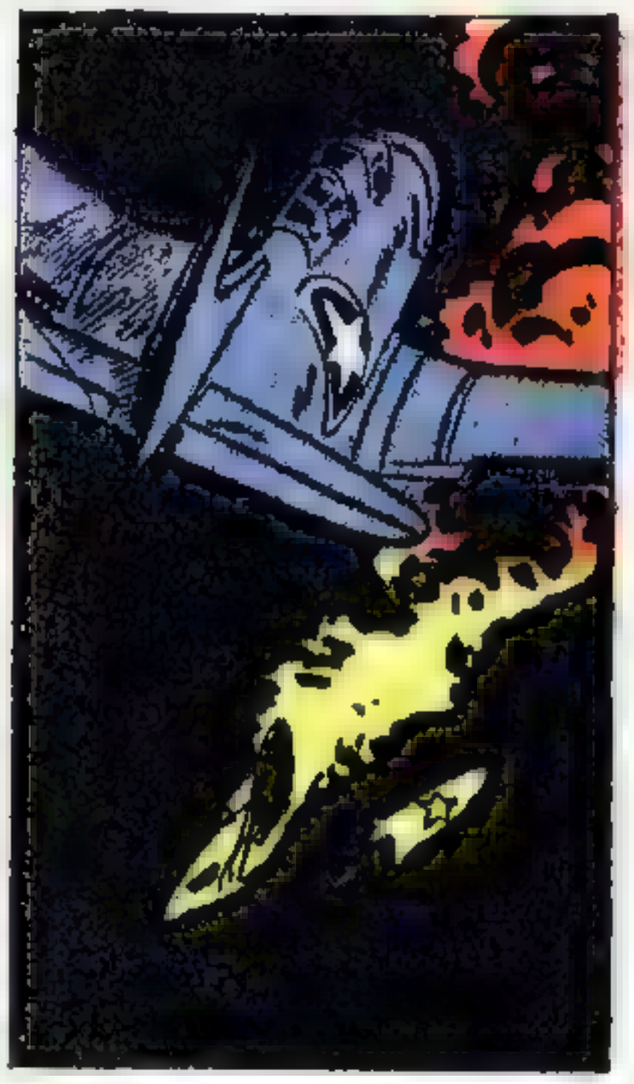
SO THE COMMIE CONVOYS BEGAN ROLLING AT NIGHT UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS...

BUT WHEN **MARINE SQUADRON 513** FOUND THAT OUT, **THEY** WENT OUT "AFTER HOURS" TOO...

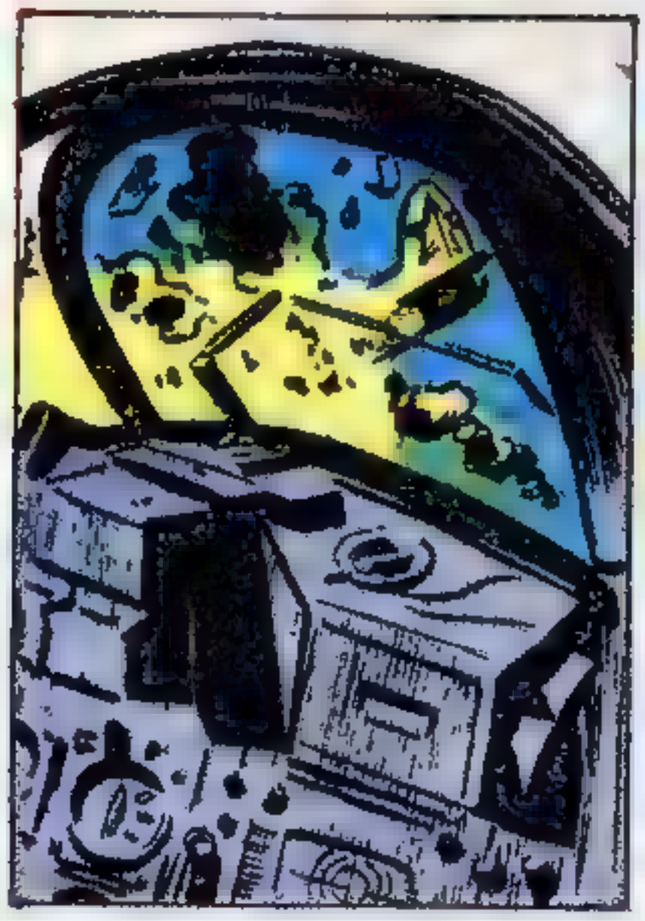


CAPTAIN E.B. LONG AND WARRANT OFFICER R.C BUCKINGHAM WERE THE ***FIRST FLYING NIGHTMARES*** TO DESTROY A COMMIE PROP PLANE IN NIGHT COMBAT ON JULY 1ST, 1951...

ELEVEN NIGHTS LATER, CAPTAIN D. L. FENTON'S ***CORSAIR*** SHOT DOWN ANOTHER RED PO-2...

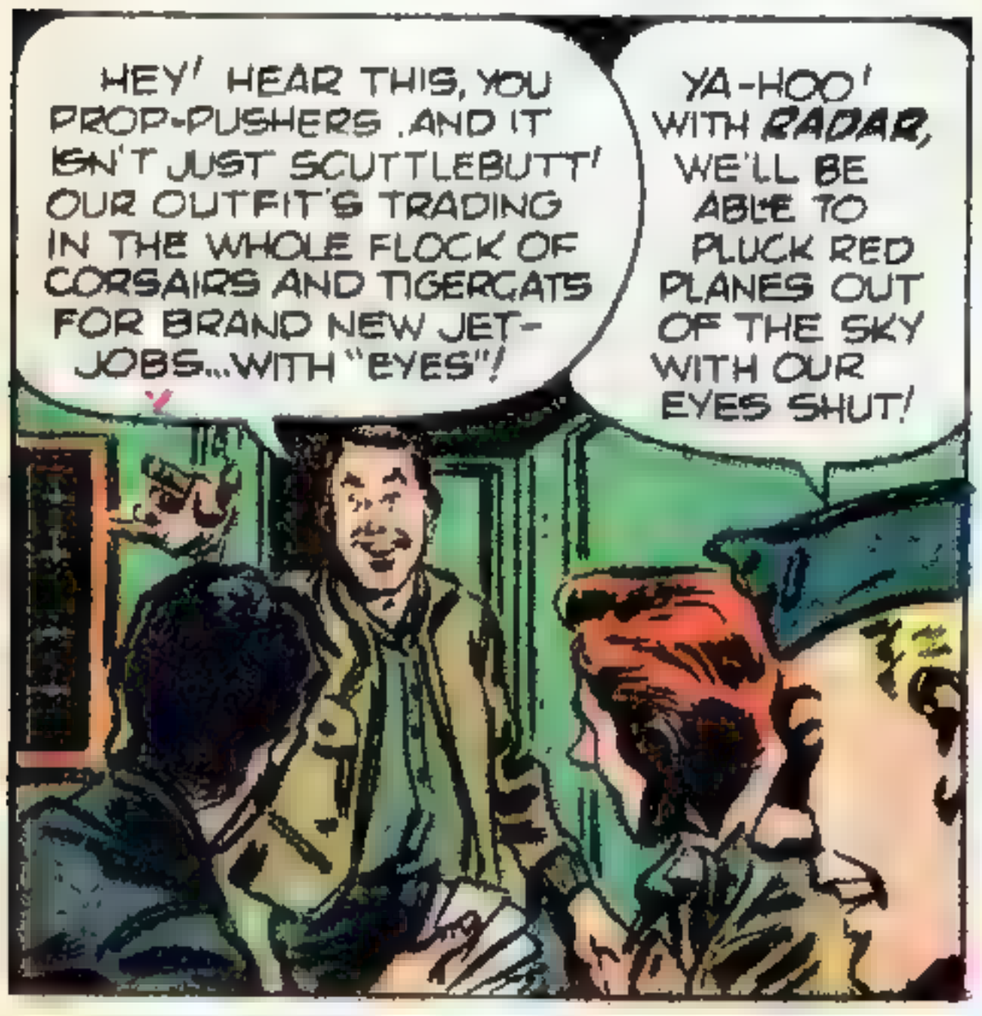


THE FLYING NIGHTMARES "WENT HUNGRY" UNTIL TWO MONTHS LATER, WHEN A PROP PLANE, SADDLED BY MAJOR E.A. VAN GUNDY AND M/S T.H. ULLOM BLASTED THE THIRD COMMIE FROM THE SKIES.



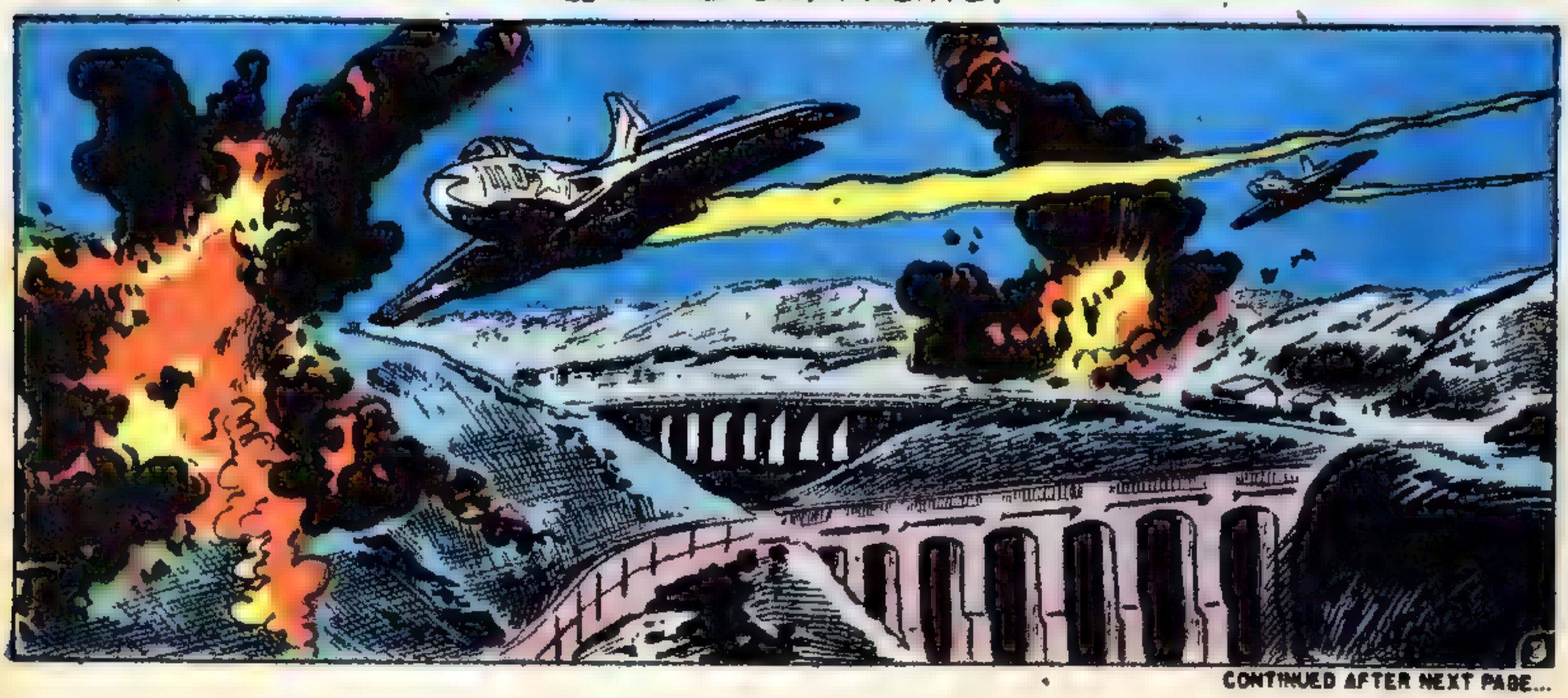
ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 7TH, 1952, A ***YAK-9*** FELL OUT OF THE NORTH KOREAN SKY AFTER BEING BLASTED BY 1ST LT. J.W ANDRE'S ***CORSAIR...***

THE FLYING NIGHTMARES CONTINUED TO HAUNT THE COMMUNISTS, AND IF THE REDS HAD FIGURED THAT AT LEAST THINGS COULDN'T GET WORSE, THEY WERE ***WRONG...***


HEY! HEAR THIS, YOU PROP-PUSHERS. AND IT ISN'T JUST SCUTTLEBUTT! OUR OUTFIT'S TRADING IN THE WHOLE FLOCK OF CORSAIRS AND TIGERCATS FOR BRAND NEW JET-JOBS...WITH "EYES"!
YA-HOO! WITH ***RADAR***, WE'LL BE ABLE TO PLUCK RED PLANES OUT OF THE SKY WITH OUR EYES SHUT!

THE NEW PLANES WERE NIGHT-FIGHTERS! SLEEK, TWIN-JET, ALL-WEATHER, RADAR-EQUIPPED, ***DOUGLAS F3D SKYKNIGHTS!*** THEY HAD A SPEED OF 500 MILES PLUS, WEIGHED 3,600 LBS AND CARRIED A CREW OF TWO... A PILOT AND RADAR OPERATOR...

THE COMMIES NEVER HAD IT SO BAD AS WHEN ***THE FLYING NIGHTMARES*** WENT AFTER THE REDS' CONVOYS, TROOPS, MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND AIRCRAFT WITH THE STREAKING, NIGHT-PIERCING, ALL-WEATHER ***SKYKNIGHTS!***



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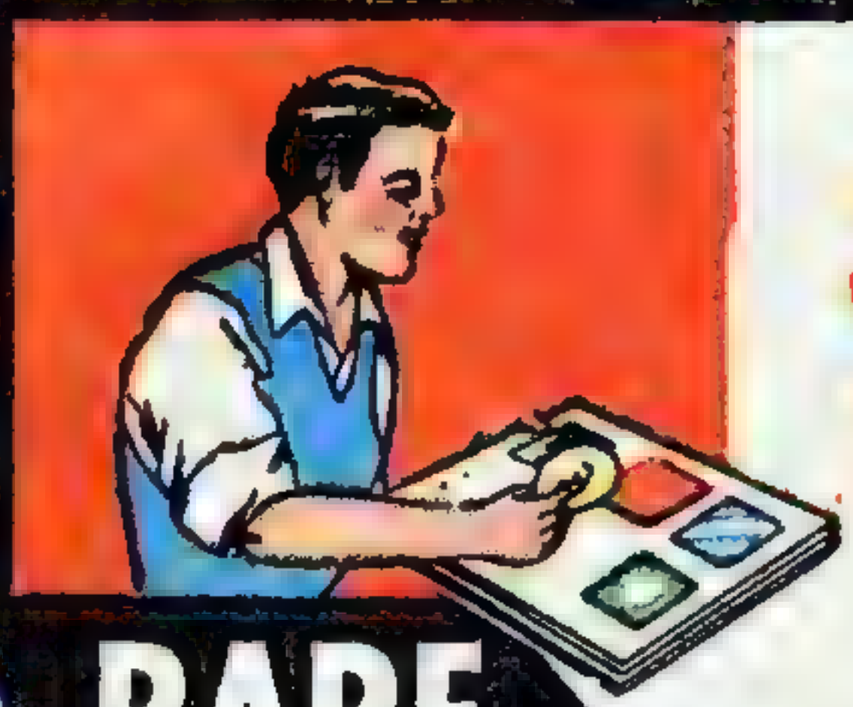

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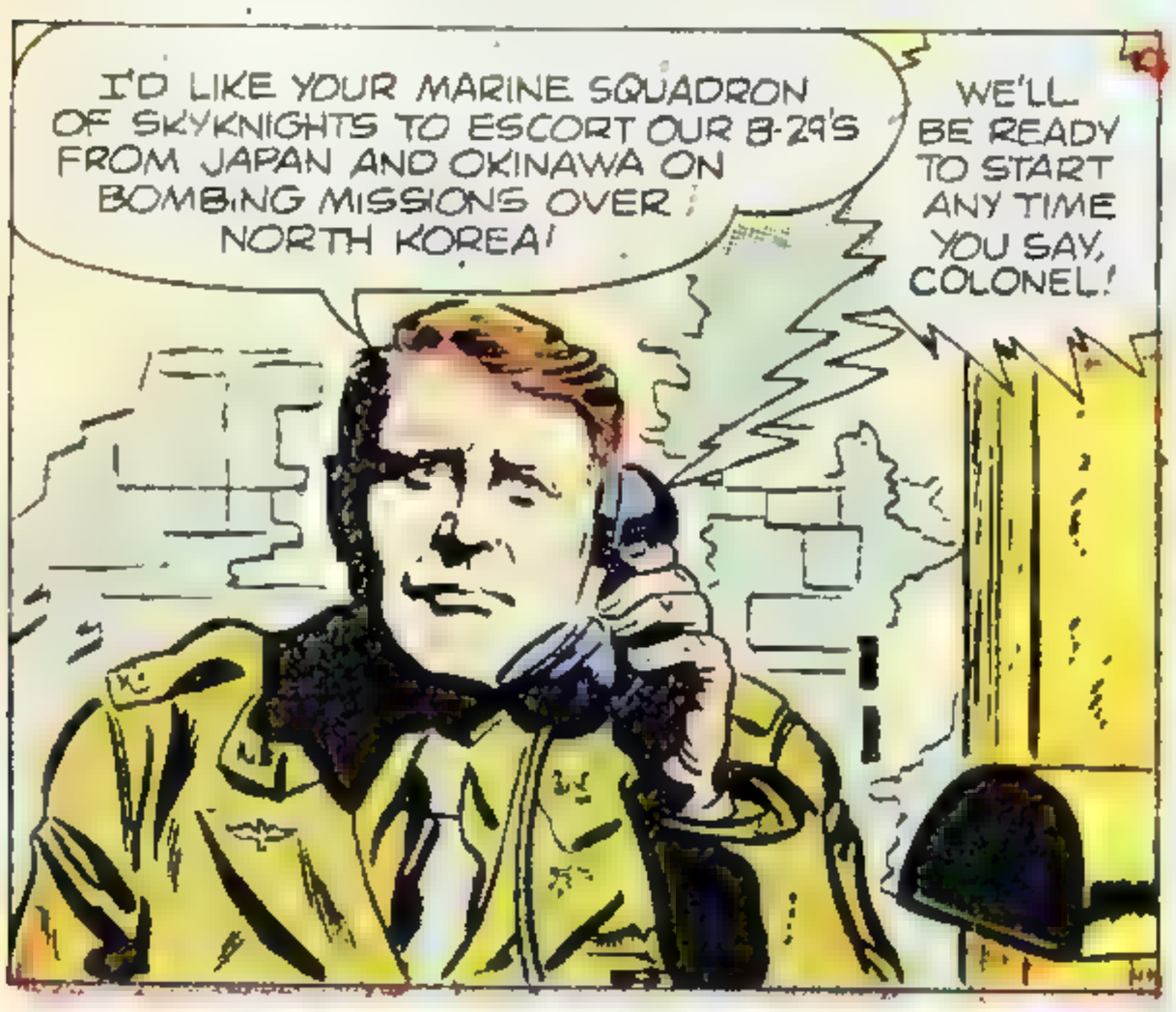
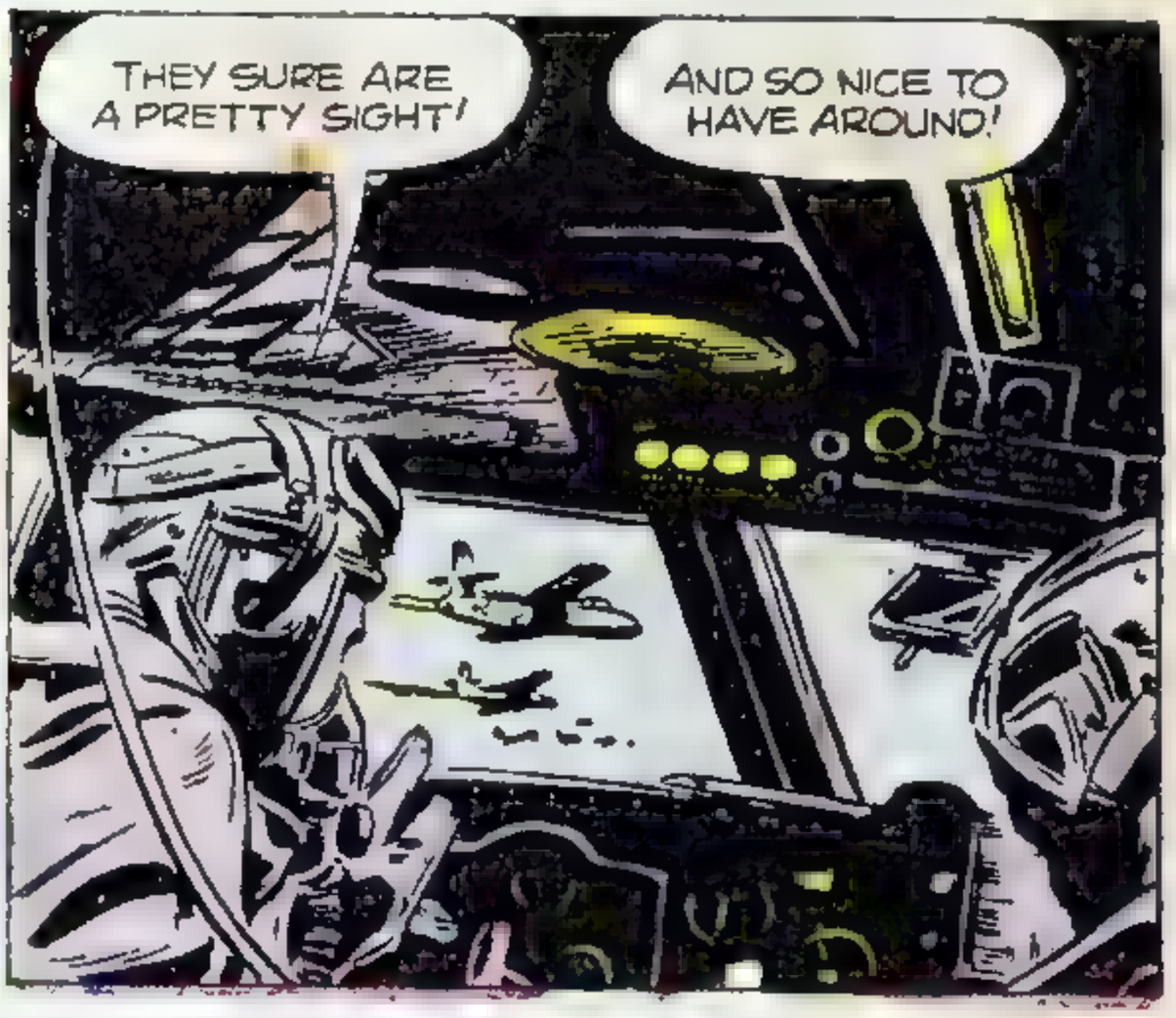
NIGHT COMBAT AIR PATROLS...THAT WAS THE MAIN MISSION OF ***THE FLYING NIGHTMARES!*** BUT WHEN THE U.S AIR FORCE HEARD OF THE TERRIFIC JOB THEY WERE DOING AGAINST THE REDS, THE AIR FORCE MADE A REQUEST...


I'D LIKE YOUR MARINE SQUADRON OF SKYKNIGHTS TO ESCORT OUR B-29'S FROM JAPAN AND OKINAWA ON BOMBING MISSIONS OVER NORTH KOREA!
WE'LL BE READY TO START ANY TIME YOU SAY, COLONEL!

ON THE NEXT MISSION TO CLOBBER MILITARY TARGETS ABOVE THE 38TH PARALLEL, THE SLOW-MOVING BIG BOMBERS HAD THEIR ***SKYKNIGHT*** ESCORT WHO WERE THERE TO SEE THAT ALL THE B-29'S REACHED THEIR TARGETS AND GOT BACK SAFELY...



OBSERVE ALSO, THEY ARE GUARDED BY THOSE ***FLYING NIGHTMARES!*** TO ATTACK THE BOMBERS WOULD MEAN A HASTY JOURNEY TO JOIN OUR ANCESTORS!
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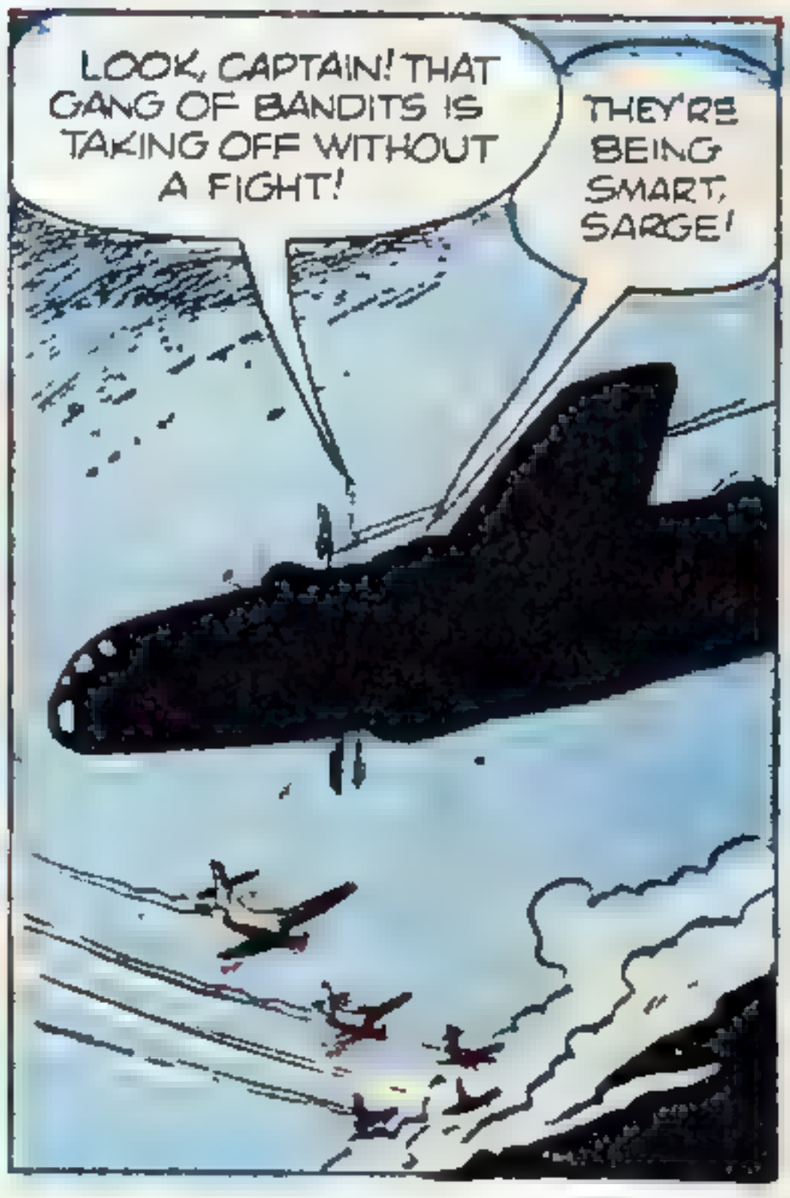
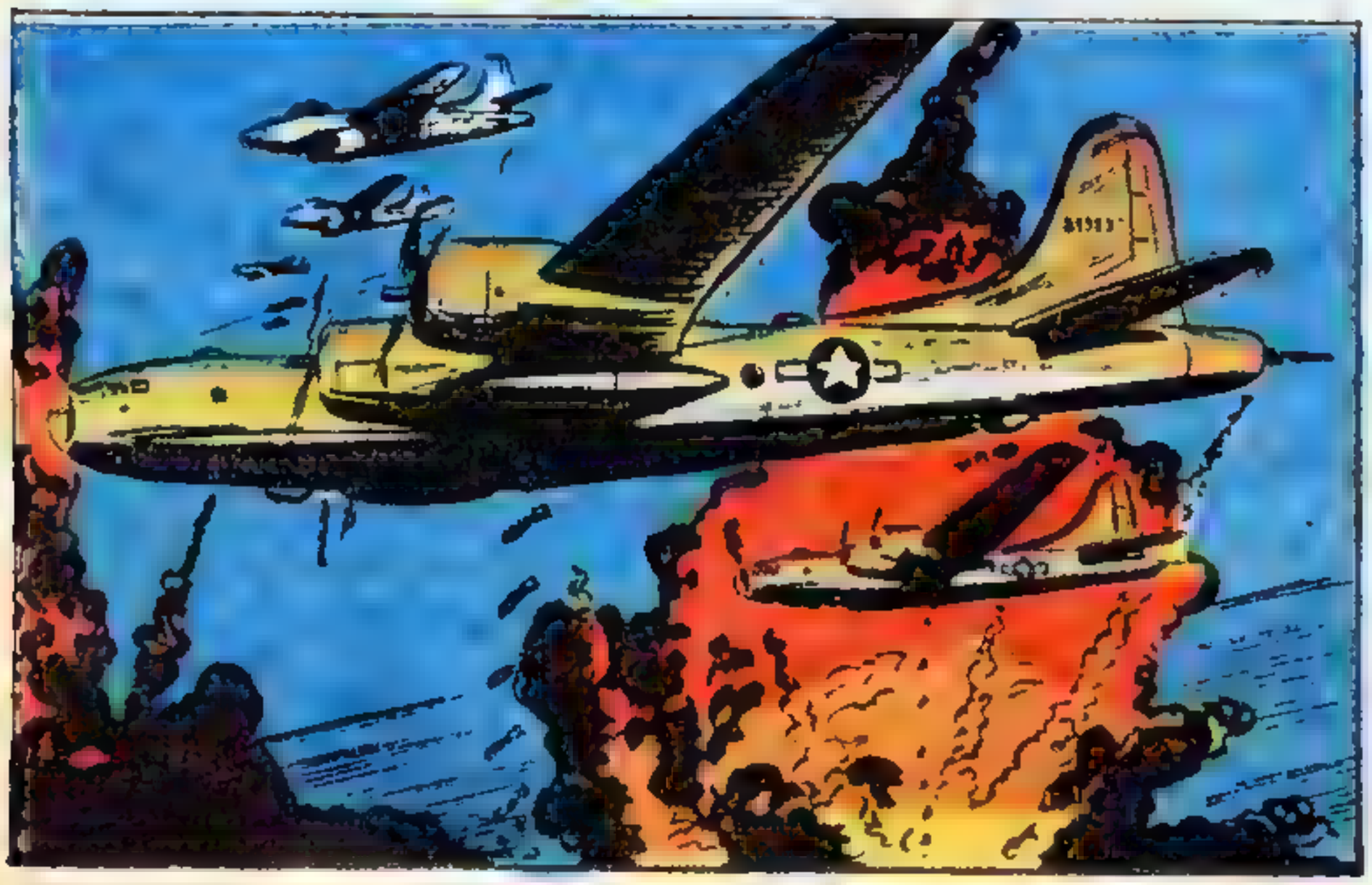


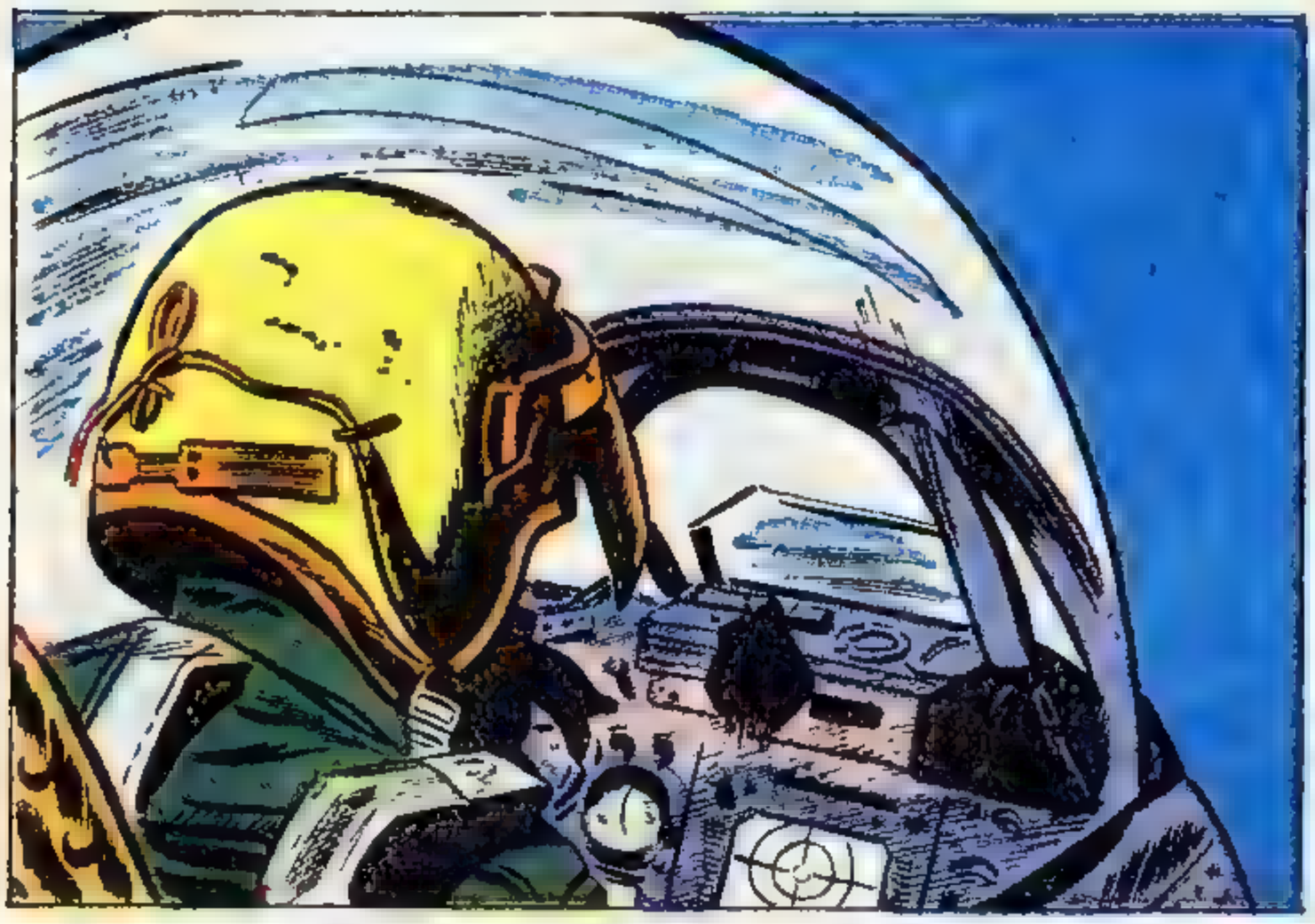
THE RED MIGS NEVER INTERFERED WITH THE SUPERFORTS WHEN THEY CAME TO BOMB IN NORTH KOREA ,WITH ***THE FLYING NIGHTMARES*** AS ESCORTS! AND EVERY B-29 GOT TO UNLOAD ITS 20,000 POUNDS OF BOMBS ON THE TARGET..

EVERYBODY WAS AWARE OF THE FINE JOB MARINE SQUADRON 513 WAS DOING! EVEN THE REDS MADE COMMENTS ABOUT IT..

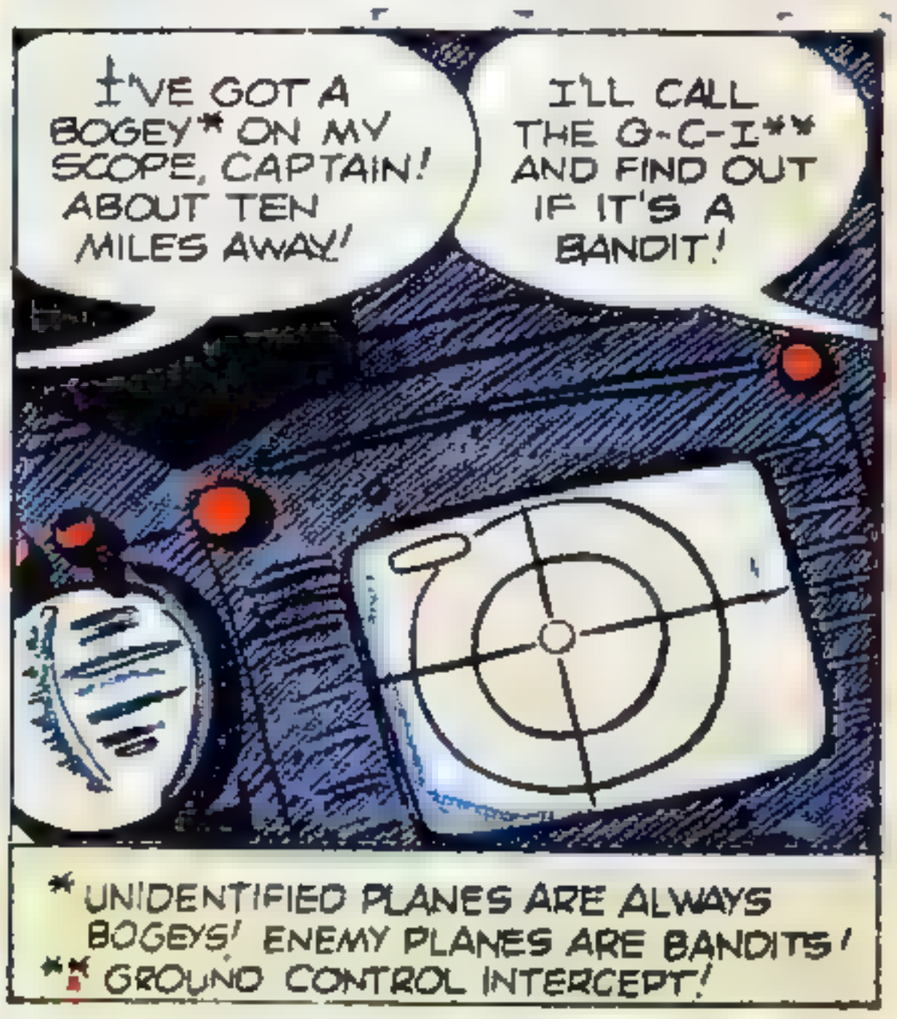


EVER SINCE ***THE FLYING NIGHTMARES*** HAVE BEEN COMING HERE, WITH THE BIG BOMBERS, WE HAVE NOT SHOT DOWN EVEN ***ONE*** YONKEE AIRCRAFT!

THE FLYING NIGHTMARES WERE CALLED UPON FOR ALL KINDS OF MISSIONS AND THEY PERFORMED THEM WITHOUT NEGLECTING THEIR MOST IMPORTANT JOB, THAT OF HUNTING THE NIGHT SKIES FOR ENEMY PLANES...

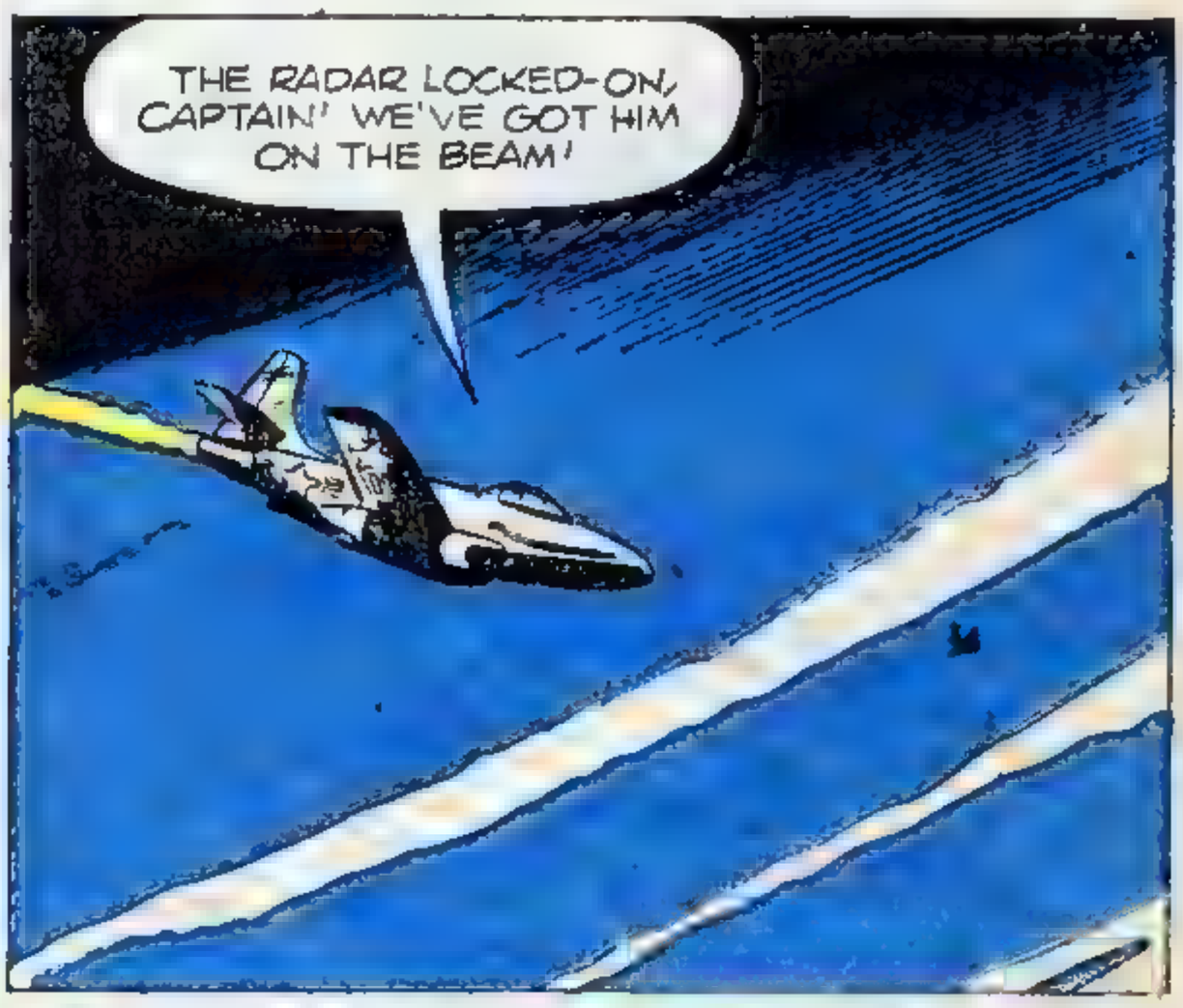


EVERY SKYKNIGHT CARRIED OVER 1,400 POUNDS OF RADAR GEAR! AT NIGHT, OR IN ZERO-ZERO WEATHER, THE PILOT COULDN'T SEE THE ENEMY PLANES, BUT THE RADARSCOPE IN THE PLANE COULD...

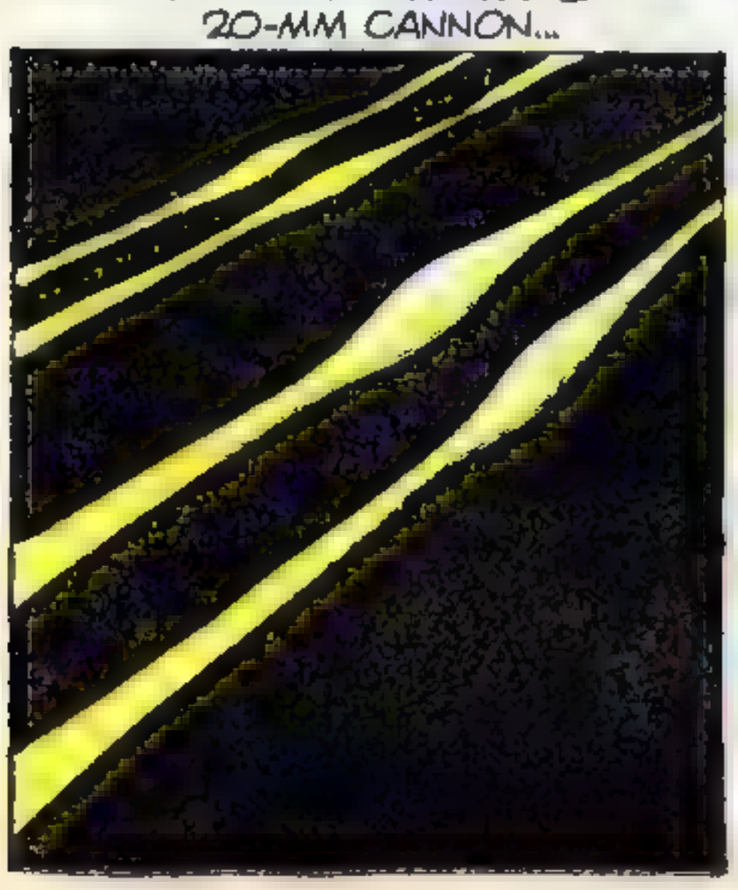

I'VE GOT A BOGEY* ON MY SCOPE, CAPTAIN! ABOUT TEN MILES AWAY!
I'LL CALL THE G-C-I** AND FIND OUT IF IT'S A BANDIT!
* UNIDENTIFIED PLANES ARE ALWAYS BOGEYS! ENEMY PLANES ARE BANDITS!
** GROUND CONTROL INTERCEPT!

THE GROUND CONTROL INTERCEPTOR GAVE A QUICK REPLY...

AFTER RECEIVING THE CONFIRMATION, THE SKYKNIGHT PILOT RADARED HIS PLANE TO THE STERN OF THE COMMIE AIRCRAFT...



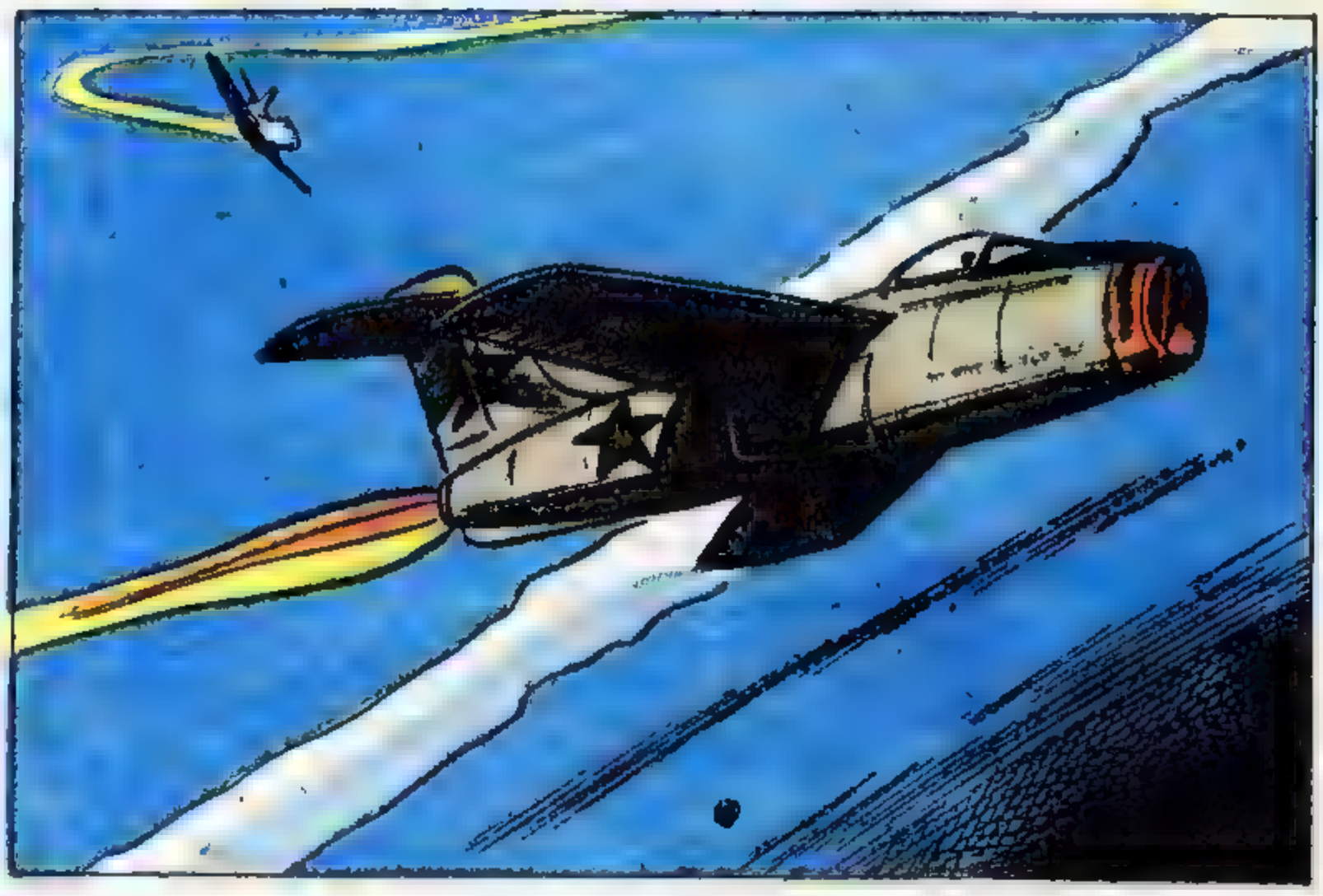
THE SPEEDING SKYKNIGHT CLOSED IN FAST! ALL THAT THE PILOT AND RADARMAN COULD SEE WAS DARKNESS! BUT THE RADAR HAD THE ENEMY SPOTTED! AT MINIMUM RANGE, THE RADAR FIRED THE SKYKNIGHT'S 20-MM CANNON...



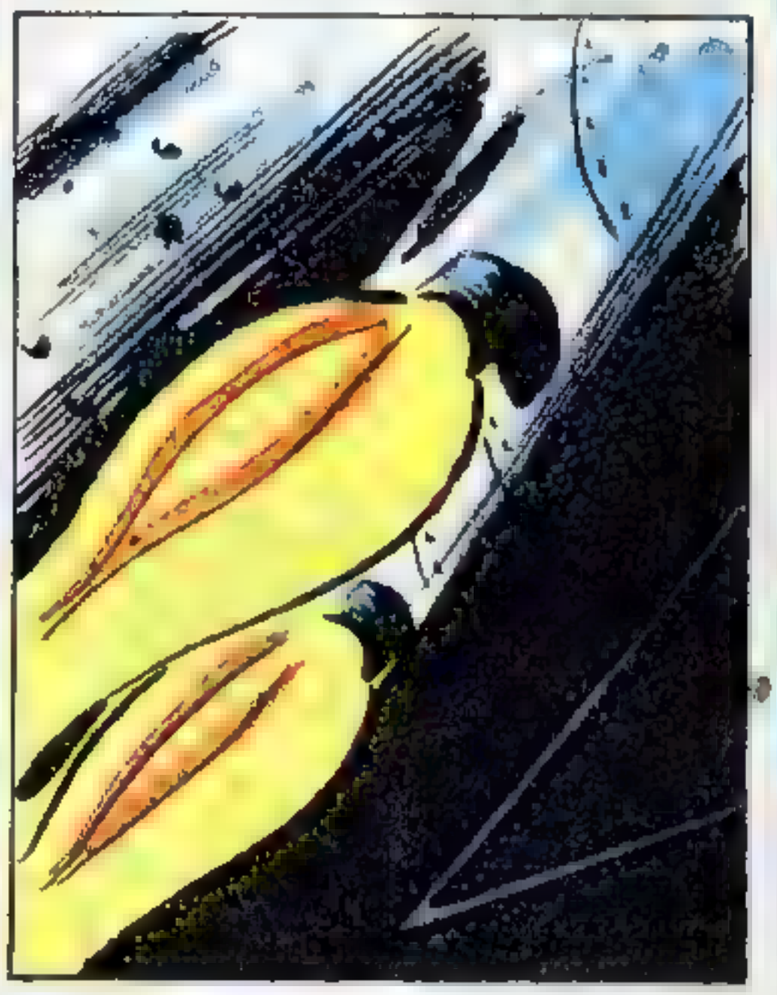
SUDDENLY, A BLAZING HOLE OF FIRE RIPPED OPEN IN THE DARK SKY!

THE FLYING NIGHTMARES SCORED ANOTHER "***FIRST***" WHEN CAPTAIN O. R. DAVIS AND HIS RADARMAN W/O D.F FESSLER GOT THE SECOND ***NIGHT*** JET KILL! ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 8TH, 1952, THEY NAILED THE ***FIRST MIG*** IN NIGHT COMBAT

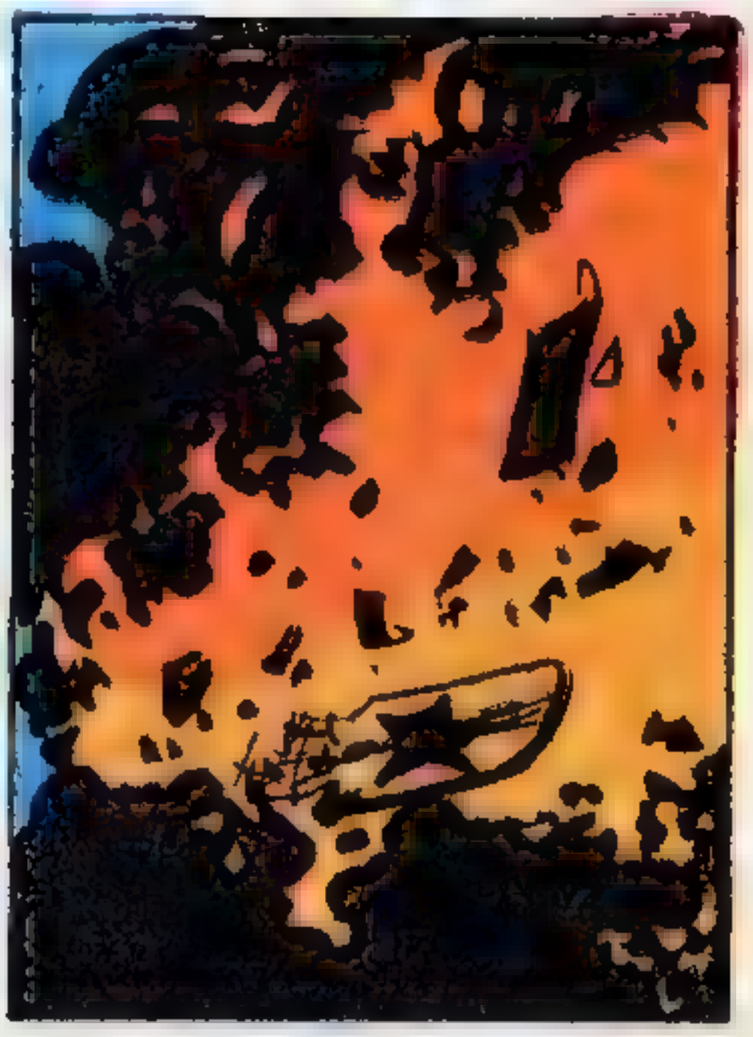
WHEN THE CONFIRMATION CAME, THE CAPTAIN'S ***SKYKNIGHT*** WAS ONLY A HALF-MILE FROM THE ***MIG'S*** FLAMING TAILPIPE! HE CLICKED THE SPEED BRAKES ON AND OFF...ONE-TWO...



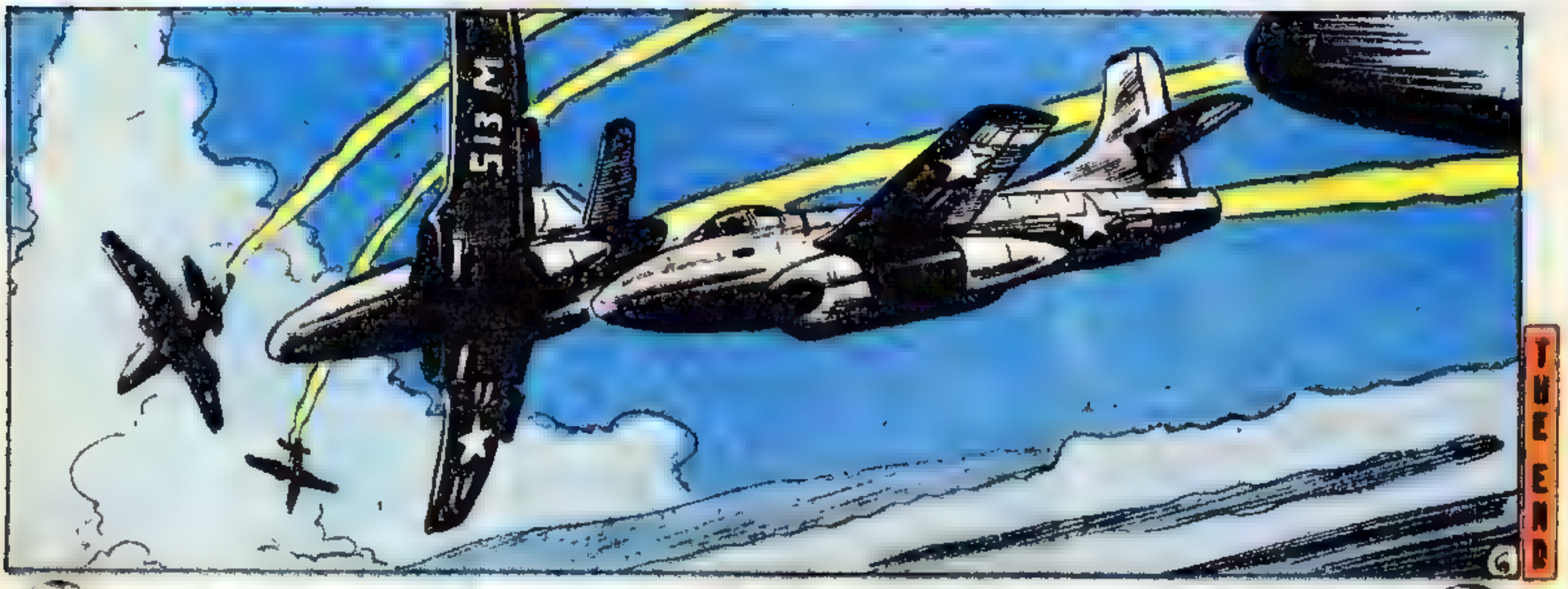
BUT CAPTAIN DAVIS FOLLOWED THE COMMIE'S HARD STARBOARD TURN AND SENT 20 ROUNDS OF 20-MM SLUGS INTO THE ***MIG'S*** JET-EXHAUST.



AND ANOTHER ***MIG*** WAS FOREVER ERASED FROM THE NORTH KOREAN SKY BY ***THE FLYING NIGHTMARES...***



MARINE NIGHT-FIGHTING SQUADRON 513 DIDN'T WIN THE KOREAN WAR ALL BY THEMSELVES, BUT ONE LOOK AT THE R COMBAT RECORD WILL CONVINCE ANYONE THAT BY THEIR COURAGE AND THEIR ABILITY TO DEFEAT THE COMMUNIST ENEMY AT EVERY ENCOUNTER, THEY HELPED TO STOP THE REDS IN KOREA AND TO CUT THE WAR SHORT! AMERICA NEED NOT WORRY AS LONG AS IT HAS SUCH MEN. SUCH ***MARINES...*** AS THOSE OF ***THE FLYING NIGHTMARES!***



ATLAS FOR THE BEST IN WAR TALES LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER! ATLAS

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THE VICTORY

LOWER sank the sun, until its bottom rim was touching the furthest, highest range of hills. The trees were stripped bare long since in the bitter cold and because of the need for secrecy, campfires were few and small.

The men huddled behind temporary barricades, protecting themselves from the wind. But there was much laughter as the General, proceeding along the line, stopped to joke with them, to exchange a jesting word or impart some barb against the enemy.

"Good fellows," he said to his aide, the Colonel. "Brave fellows. I never expected less." He sighed. "Well, let's look at the guns."

There were a sizable number of guns. In the retreat some time before, when their forces had had to flee, the guns had been gotten across the river somehow, and concentrated. There wasn't much powder, though, or a sufficient supply of shot.

The General affectionately slapped one of the cannons.

"You speak well," he said musingly. "I like to hear you speak."

"Sir?" The Colonel asked.

"Just talking to a gun," the General said. "We both understand the same language."

The Colonel smiled and nodded.

"All right, let's go back," the General said. He stared at the topmost rim of the sun, just barely above the horizon, and then strode rapidly toward his tent.

Inside, hot drinks were poured by his military orderly. The General seated himself at a table and the Colonel sat across from him.

"And now, sir . . ." the Colonel began. "About further retreat . . ."

"There isn't going to be any further retreat . . . not for a while, anyhow."

"But I don't . . . don't understand, sir!" the Colonel stammered. "They chased us not long ago. We had to cross the river to get away from them! And now . . . now you're going back?"

For a moment the General said nothing. Then he stared gravely at the candle, lit between them.

"We need a victory . . . soon, quick, decisive!" he said.

"But sir!" protested the Colonel. "You'll be leading an attack with beaten men!"

"Beaten because they lacked supplies, not because they lacked morale." He glanced toward the half-open flap of the tent. "Colonel, this is their land; those men out there won't give it up until it's torn from their grasp by superior force. That's what we've got to prevent, the constant grouping of superior force. If we can keep that up long enough, they'll lose, because their morale is rotten. Our morale is the highest we've had, despite constant defeats. But now . . ." He pulled a map toward him. "We have a chance of striking back!"

Once more the Colonel stared at him in astonishment.

"Against them . . . against the enemy? Sir, you're not serious!"

"Colonel, I may be as mad as a hatter," the General said. "But I say we have a chance!"

"They're well armed, numerous, arrogant . . ."

"An arrogant man is a frightened man trying to keep up his courage!" The General said. He glanced up at his military orderly. "Ask the rest of the staff to come in! We've got to start moving those guns tonight!"

With amazement in his eyes, the orderly complied. Minutes later the staff bent with the commander-in-chief over the candle illuminated map that lay on the table. It was now almost pitch-dark outside. Beyond the tents lay the screen of trees that hid the river. Out there were sentries, their eyes fixed on the further shore, where the enemies of their country lay in the distant town.

"Gentlemen," the General said. "The war has gone on for a year and a half. I do not know how much longer it will go on. But I do know this . . . we can't be beaten, but we must win a victory, our first *big* victory!"

Several hours later, the guns began to move. From up and down stream, in all that interval, the troops had been securing boats; all kinds of boats, anything that would carry a man . . . or a big gun. There were a few horses to move the guns. Men strained at the wheels of the gun-carriages, turning them through the clinging mud that covered the ground.

And then, it began to snow.

The General rode his horse down to the river, together

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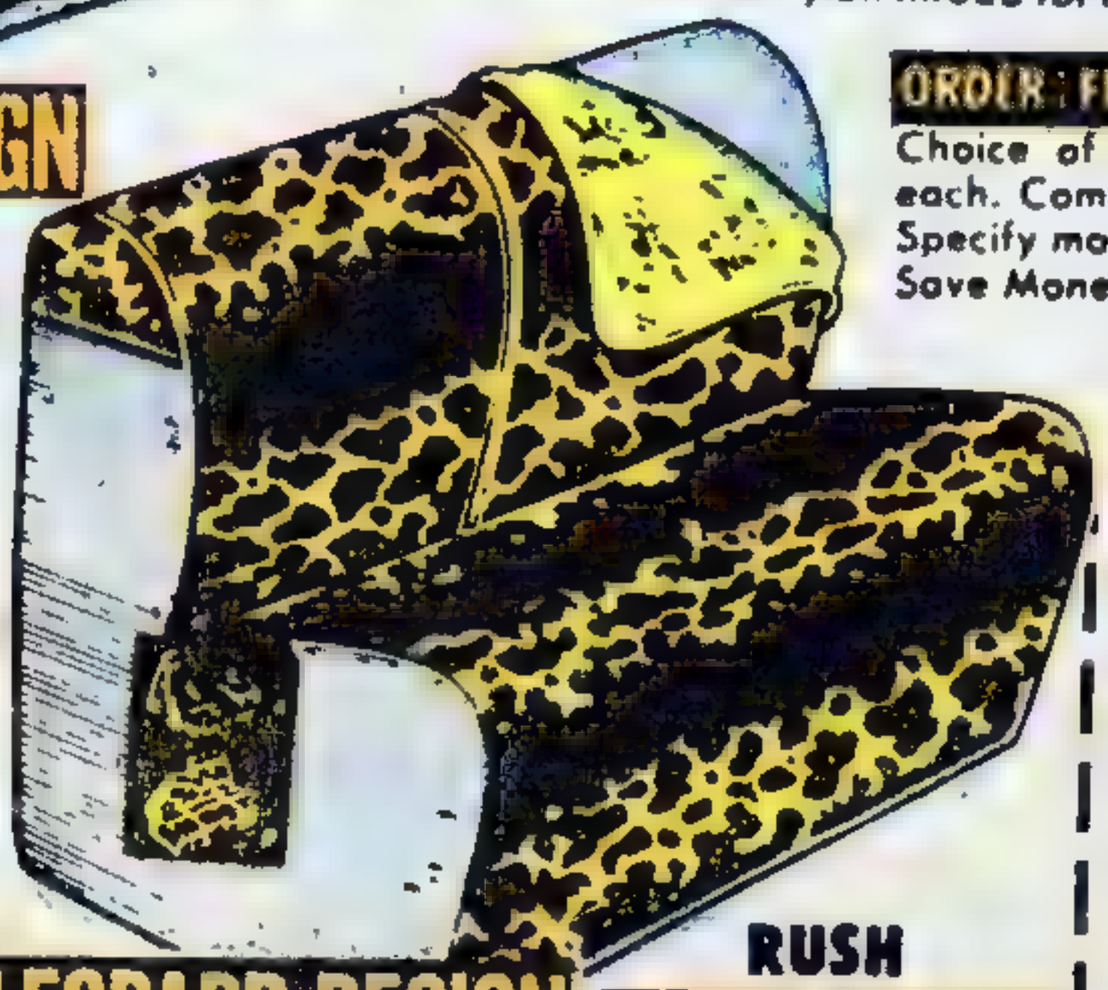

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A YEAR LATER, ON AUGUST 24, WHEN THE BRITISH LANDED TROOPS NEAR WASHINGTON, D.C. AND MARCHED TOWARD THE CAPITAL, A COMPANY OF MARINE ***SEA FENCIBLES*** JOINED GENERAL WINDER'S CITIZEN MILITIA TO HOLD BACK THE ENEMY...

HA! THE AMERICAN CITIZEN-SOLDIERS FLEE AT THE SIGHT AND SOUND OF OUR GUNS!

ONLY THE SMALL NUMBER OF MARINES AND SAILORS REMAIN TO FIGHT! WE SHALL DEFEAT THEM EASILY!

THERE IS ONLY ***ONE COMPANY*** OF THE AMERICAN SEA FENCIBLES AND SAILORS, BUT THEY FIGHT LIKE AN ARMY OF TEN THOUSAND!

FIVE HUNDRED OF THEM AGAINST FOUR THOUSAND OF US! IT WILL BE A DISGRACE IF WE CANNOT DEFEAT THEM!

JOE SINNOTT

THE SMALL FORCE OF MARINE *SEA FENCIBLES* AND SAILORS KEPT THE BRITISH FROM ADVANCING, UNTIL THE ENGLISH GENERAL ROSS ARRIVED WITH AN ADDITIONAL 2,600 SOLDIERS TO AID ADMIRAL COCKBURN...

WE'LL USE EVERY MAN AND GUN WE HAVE, GENERAL ROSS, IN ONE POWERFUL ATTACK!

YES, ADMIRAL COCKBURN!

CHARGE!

THE BATTLE WAS SHORT, BUT FURICUS AND THE *SEA FENCIBLES* DIDN'T YIELD AN INCH OF GROUND...

BUT FINALLY THE TINY BAND OF MARINES AND SAILORS WAS OVER-POWERED BY THE GREAT NUMBER OF BRITISHERS...

HA! WE HAVE DEFEATED THEM!

DO NOT BE SO PROUD, GENERAL! IF THE AMERICANS HAD NOT EXHAUSTED THEIR AMMUNITION, WE MAY HAVE SUFFERED THE WORST DEFEAT IN BRITAIN'S MILITARY HISTORY!

NOW PREPARE THE TROOPS FOR THE MARCH TO OUR OBJECTIVE! WASHINGTON, THE AMERICANS' CAPITAL CITY!

THE BRITISH MET NO FURTHER RESISTANCE AND WHEN THEY REACHED WASHINGTON, ADMIRAL COCKBURN GAVE A SHOCKING ORDER...

BURN THE CITY?

YES, GENERAL! THAT IS WHAT I SAID...SET FIRE TO WASHINGTON!

SOON AFTER, THE ENTIRE CITY OF WASHINGTON WAS BLAZING! FLAMES DESTROYED THE CAPITOL BUILDING, THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, THE WHITE HOUSE AND MANY OTHER HISTORIC SITES! THAT WAS BRITAIN'S REVENGE FOR HER MANY PREVIOUS DEFEATS BY THE AMERICANS

WHILE THE RUINS OF WASHINGTON SMOLDERED, ADMIRAL COCHRANE AND HIS FLEET OF 20 MEN-OF-WAR SAILED NORTHEASTWARDLY TOWARD BALTIMORE...

AFTER A DAY'S REST HERE IN CHESAPEAKE BAY, WE WILL SAIL UP THE PATAPSCO RIVER AND TURN EVERY CANNON IN OUR SQUADRON AGAINST THE AMERICANS' STRONGEST POINT... ***FORT McHENRY!***

AYE, SIR!

BUT PERHAPS WE WON'T HAVE TO ATTACK, ADMIRAL! OBSERVE, AN AMERICAN CARTEL SHIP* APPROACHES FLYING A WHITE TRUCE FLAG!

IT IS NOT LIKE THE AMERICANS TO GIVE UP WITHOUT A BATTLE!

*A SHIP USED FOR EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS OR CARRYING PROPOSITIONS TO THE ENEMY!

FROM THE AMERICAN CARTEL SHIP **MINDEN** CAME NOT A MILITARY MAN, BUT A YOUNG AMERICAN LAWYER AND POET...

WELCOME ABOARD HIS MAJESTY'S SHIP **SURPRISE**, SIR! IF YOU BRING A MESSAGE OF SURRENDER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT MADISON, THEN YOU BRING IT IN TIME TO SPARE FORT McHENRY! WE PLANNED TO BOMBARD IT TOMORROW!

MY NAME'S FRANCIS SCOTT KEY, ADMIRAL, AND I DO CARRY A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT... BUT IT IS **NOT** SURRENDER HE ASKS FOR!

HE REQUESTS THE RELEASE OF DR. WILLIAM BEANES, A PHYSICIAN WHOM YOU HOLD PRISONER FOR AIDING AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN BATTLE!

I WILL GRANT YOUR PRESIDENT'S REQUEST, MR. KEY!

HOWEVER I MUST DETAIN YOU AND THE DOCTOR ABOARD MY SHIP, BECAUSE NOW YOU KNOW OF OUR INTENTIONS TO ATTACK FORT McHENRY IN THE MORNING!

THE BRITISH WAR SQUADRON SAILED UP THE PATAPSCO RIVER UNDER COVER OF THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 13, AND AT 7 A.M., AS DAWN REVEALED THE ***STARS AND STRIPES*** FLYING OVER FORT McHENRY, THE BRITISH WARSHIPS BEGAN THEIR THUNDEROUS BOMBARDMENT...

KEEP FIRING UNTIL THEY HAUL DOWN THAT FLAG!

BEHIND FORT McHENRY'S RAMPARTS AT THE TIME OF THE BOMBARDMENT WERE TWO COMPANIES OF MARINE SEA FENCIBLES UNDER CAPTAIN M S BUNBURY AND CAPTAIN W. H. ADDISON...

LOOK, MARINES! THEY'VE SENT A CANNON BALL THRU OLD GLORY!

BUT IT'S STILL FLYING, AND WE'LL FIGHT THE BRITISH AS LONG AS IT DOES!

GIVE THE UNION JACK TWO CANNON BALLS FOR EVERY ONE THEY SMASH AGAINST OUR WALLS, MARINES!

WE'RE DOING NO GOOD AT THIS GREAT DISTANCE! SIGNAL THE FLEET TO MOVE IN CLOSER, AND REMOVE THE DOCTOR AND MR. KEY UNDER GUARD TO THEIR OWN SHIP!

YES, ADMIRAL!

CAPTAIN! THE ENEMY'S SHIPS ARE BEARING TOWARD THE FORT!

THEY'VE GOT MORE GUNS THAN WE HAVE, AND IF THEY GET CLOSE ENOUGH, THEY'LL POUND OUR WALLS TO DUST!

WE CAN STOP THEM FROM GETTING CLOSER BY SINKING OUR OWN SHIPS OUT IN THE HARBOR!

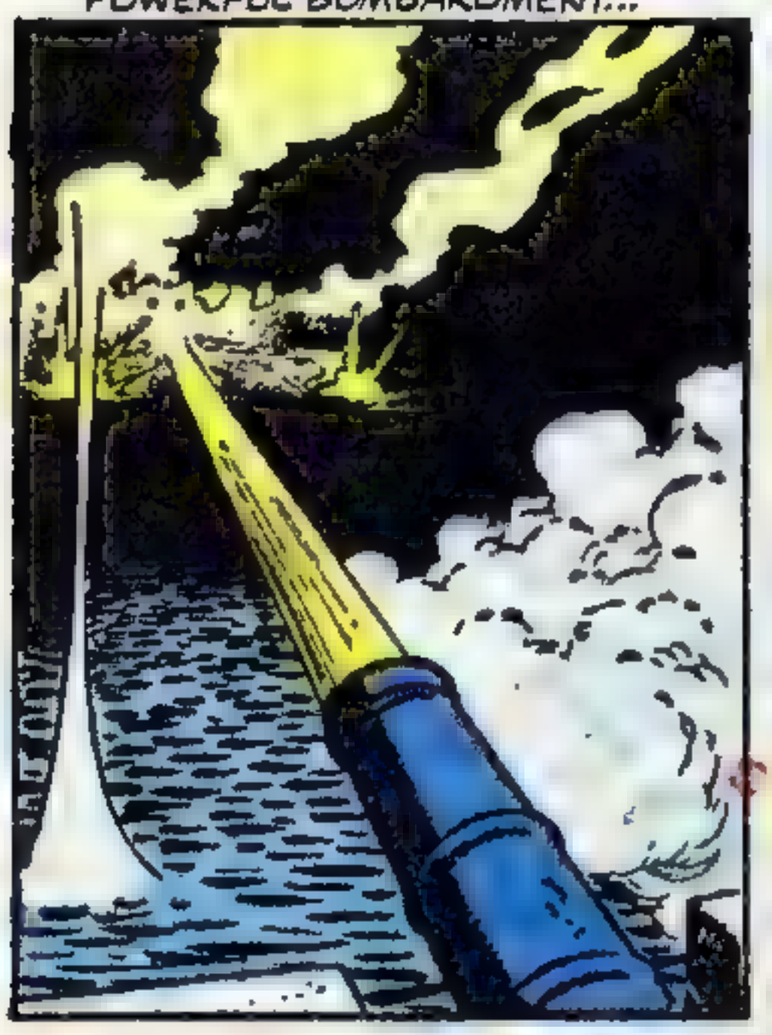
WITH THEIR CANNONS, THE AMERICANS BLASTED THEIR OWN SHIPS IN THE WATERS BETWEEN THE BRITISH FLEET AND FORT McHENRY...

THERE ARE 22 OF OUR SHIPS OUT THERE AND WE'LL SINK EVERY ONE OF THEM!

WE CANNOT APPROACH ANY NEARER, ADMIRAL! THE HARBOR IS FILLED WITH SUNKEN AMERICAN SHIPS!

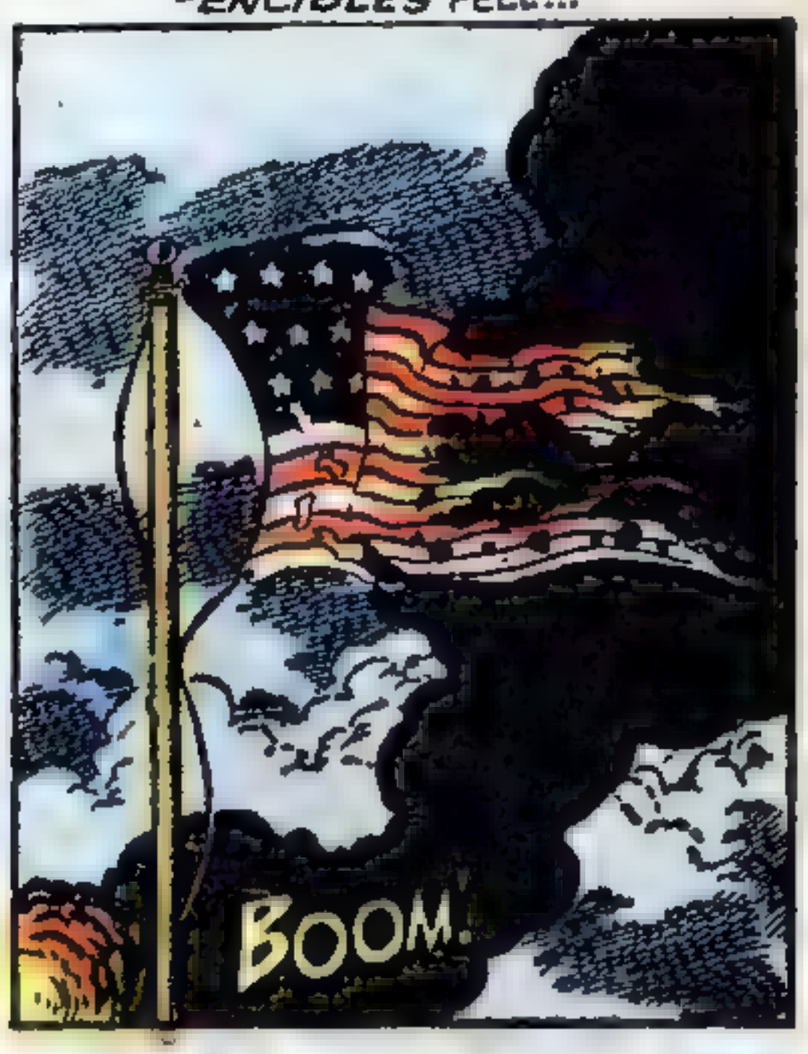
THEY'VE STOPPED OUR SHIPS, BUT THEY WON'T STOP OUR SHELLS! FIRE AWAY UNTIL THAT FLAG LIES BURIED IN THE RUBBLE OF FORT McHENRY!

ALL DAY AND ALL NIGHT THE BRITISH SQUADRON OF WAR CONTINUED THE POWERFUL BOMBARDMENT...



ADMIRAL COCHRANE'S BATTLESHIPS FIRED MORE THAN 1,500 SHELLS WEIGHING 250 POUNDS EACH, AT THE *SEA FENCIBLES* BEHIND FORT McHENRY'S RAMPARTS...

FOR 19 HOURS, THE BRITISH POUNDED AND BLAZED AWAY, BUT NEITHER FLAG OR *FENCIBLES* FELL...



ON THE AMERICAN CARTEL SHIP, WHILE UNDER BRITISH GUARD, FRANCIS SCOTT KEY WATCHED ANXIOUSLY THRU THE NIGHT TO SEE IF "OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE"...

WHAT ARE YOU WRITING ON THE BACK OF THAT ENVELOPE, SIR?
A POEM, GUARD! ABOUT THAT *STAR-SPANGLED BANNER* THAT YET WAVES O'ER THE FORT!

I'LL SING IT FOR YOU... ...OH, SAY CAN YOU SEE, BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT, WHAT SO PROUDLY WE HAILED AT THE TWILIGHT'S LAST GLEAMING? WHOSE BROAD STRIPES AND BRIGHT STARS...
THE WORDS MAY BE YOURS, SIR, BUT THE TUNE YOU'RE SINGING THEM TO IS BRITISH..."ANACREON IN HEAVEN!"

AND AT 8 A.M., ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 14, "BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT," THE BRITISH SAW THAT "THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER IN TRIUMPH DOTH WAVE"!

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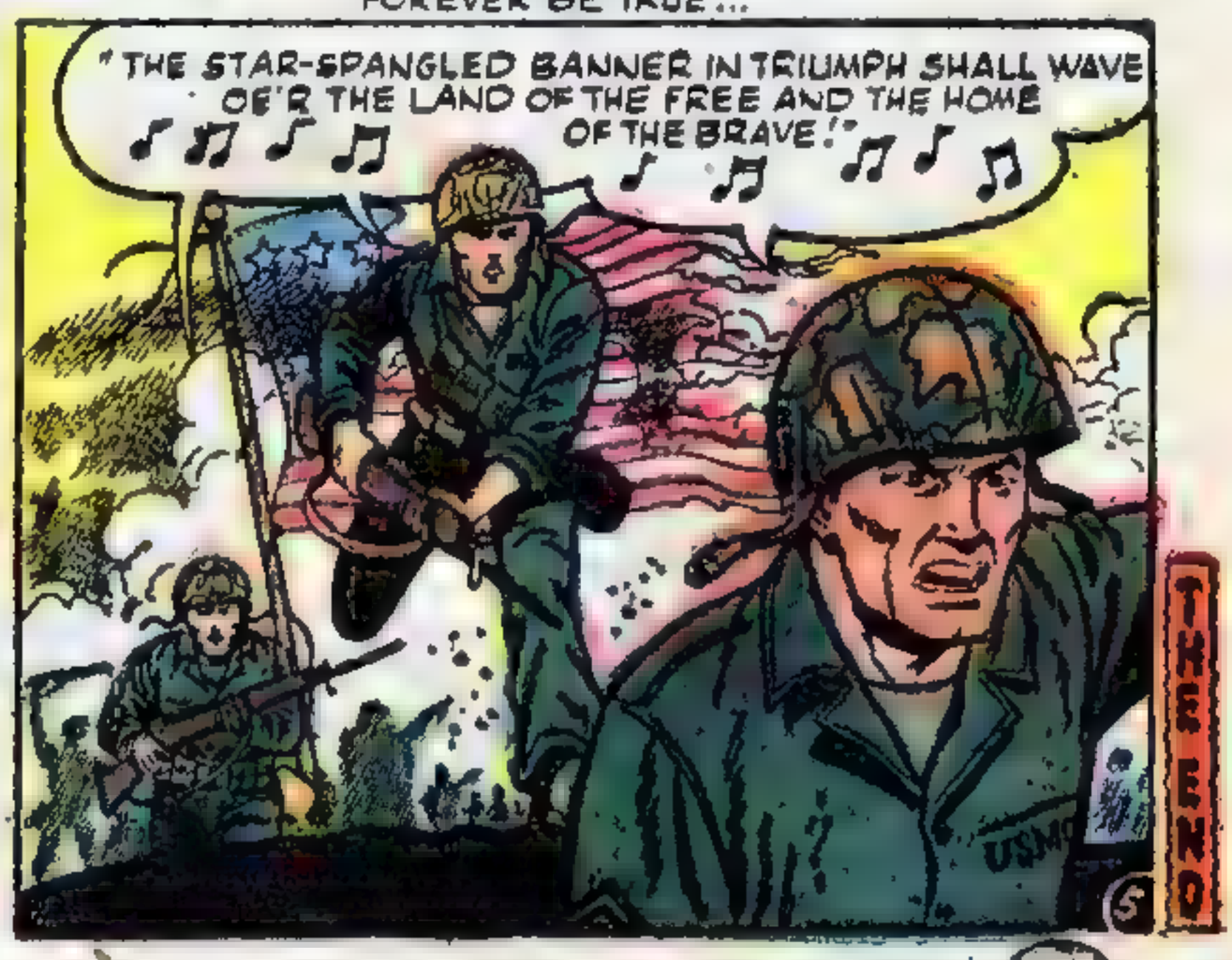

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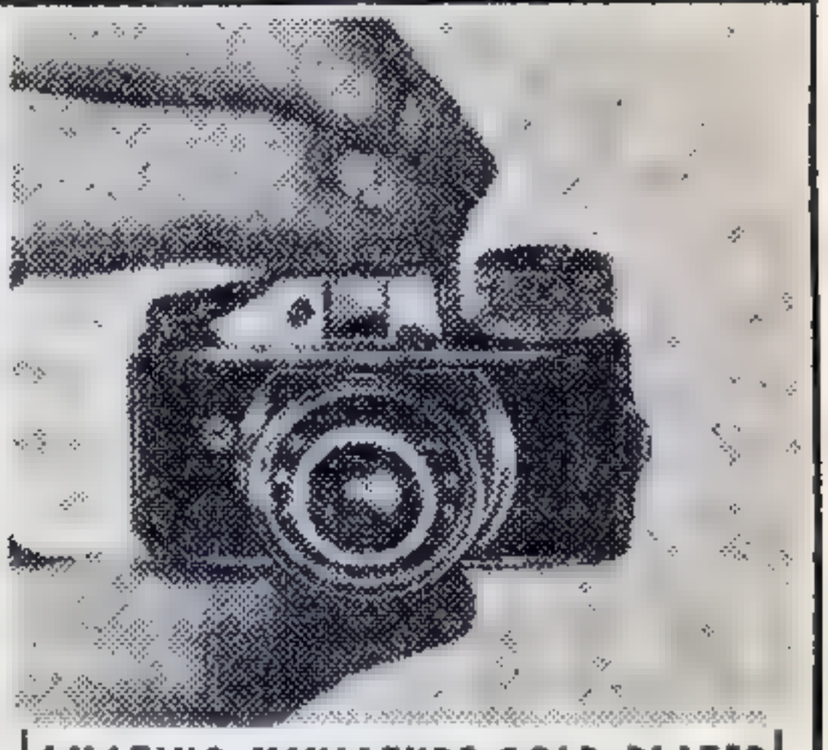

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with his staff and dismounted. The horses were taken away to a spot further downstream, where they would be ferried across last. Now, the important things were guns. He watched the cannon rolled down to the water's edge and out into the freezing river, to be pushed up rough log gangplanks.

The cannon went first.

After the cannon went the men.

The Colonel felt the snow patter down on his shoulder and looked at it with misgiving, but the commander-in-chief shook his head.

"A little snow won't hurt us," he said. "But it can hurt the enemy."

"Why?" the Colonel asked.

The General only smiled. He had no intention of revealing his full plan to anyone until the troops were across the river and ready to go into action. He looked back at the old encampment. They were leaving it for good. It was the end of retreat . . . a new phase of the war was opening. They might still, from time to time, have to retreat, but they would have the memory of a good victory under their belts, a victory that would hurt the enemy more than he knew.

Then the commander-in-chief stepped into the boat before him. On every side were other boats, with the last of the men. Ahead, not even a light showed. They were navigating in the dark. The General's boat touched land and he leaped out onto the frozen mud on the shore. Beyond, troops were lining up. Well oiled, the wheels of the cannon moved ahead, noiselessly to get into position.

The commander-in-chief moved on, up ahead. From time to time an enemy sentry was found, overpowered and brought back. When he saw them, the General smiled. His plan was working. This had been the right time to choose for the attack. He paused, suddenly, and held a hurried conference with this staff. Once more he issued orders . . . risky orders, but their success would result in a greater victory. The troops divided, began to encircle the town, and the guns followed them, rolling noiselessly, accompanied by the few wagons that brought with them the scanty supplies of powder and shot.

On and on the General rode. He had the main body of troops with him, now. A bugler traveled at his side, ready to blow the call for the attack.

The sound of a quail came thinly through the trees, repeated over and over again, until the General heard it. Now he knew the men were all in

position, that the cannon had been stopped, loaded and primed. Once more the quail sound went out . . . it was the prelude to the actual signal. Five, ten minutes passed. The snow came down more thickly. And then, just as a burst of music sounded from up ahead, and the glow of brightly-lighted windows shone through the trees, the General raised his arm sharply and brought it down.

The cannonading began on his right, a terrible storm of fire that rolled like thunder around the whole encirclement of guns. Through its growl rang the high notes of the bugle. Abruptly the cannon stopped firing and the men advanced, closing the ring of steel. From the town, horse-voiced shouts sounded of men interrupted at their revels. They poured from the buildings, guns in hand only to be met by blast after blast of rifle fire. Inexorably the ring of attack contracted. Building after building was surrounded and taken. Up ahead the central fortress still held out. Once more the cannon crashed their iron balls over the heads of the attacking men. Cheers went up as the firing from the fortress died down and the white flag of surrender went up. It was only a few minutes before the enemy commander was brought out to face the American commander-in-chief, General George Washington. He handed his sword to Washington, thus signifying the surrender of Trenton and nine hundred Hessian troops.

"Himmel!" The Hessian commander exclaimed in guttural tones, glancing at the ragged clothes of the American Continental soldiers. Then he looked at his own, smartly-garbed men, disarmed and surrounded. "How could a rag-bag army like yours, *Herr* General, conquer professional soldiers like us?" He drew himself up, stiff, proud and arrogant.

"Through morale . . . superior morale, plus surprise, against arrogance and slavery," the American said. "My men are fighting in their own land, for liberty. Yours were brought unwillingly over four thousand miles to invade us. Men do not fight well against liberty." He looked at the captured Hessian troops. They, too, he knew, were part of his plan. For it would not be long before they also were Americans, fighting for liberty against its enemies . . . their former masters!

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FIGHTING WITH FIRE!

I'D HIT THE JUNGLE-FRINGED BEACH AT GUADALCANAL IN 1942! FIFTEEN MONTHS LATER, MY COMBAT BOOTS WERE GRINDING THE WHITE SAND ON THE SHORES OF TARAWA! THEN IN FEBRUARY 1945, I WAS CRAWLIN' IN THE BLACK VOLCANIC ASH OF IWO JIMA'S BEACHES! SO WHEN I TELL YOU THAT ALL THE INVASIONS IN THE PACIFIC WERE ALIKE, I'M SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE! EVERY INVASION WAS RUGGED, HARD TO DESCRIBE! EVERY INVASION HAD SAND, HEAT AND SWEAT! EVERY INVASION HAD GUNFIRE, BOMBARDMENTS AND BOMBINGS! EVERY INVASION HAD ***MARINES***... AND ***JAPS!***

CAP'N BEN! THE JAPS HAVE CLOBBERED ONE OF OUR AMMO-LOADED LSM'S! IT'S ON FIRE! SHE'LL BLOW SOON!

YEAH, PRIVATE! BUT THE JAPS ON THAT RIDGE HAVE US NAILED DOWN! WE CAN'T MOVE FORWARD FROM THIS SPOT!

THERE'S A VOLCANIC ASH RIDGE ON ***IWO*** WHERE WE LANDED THAT OVERLOOKS THE BEACH LIKE A BIG BALCONY, AND ALL THOSE BALCONY SEATS WERE OCCUPIED BY JAPS, BLAZING AWAY AT US ***FIFTH AMPHIBIOUS CORPS MARINES*** DOWN ON THE BEACHHEAD STAGE..

THE FIRE FROM THAT LSM* IS SPREADIN' TO THE OTHER LANDING SHIPS, CAP'N! THEY'LL ALL BOOM UNLESS WE DO SOMETHING HUBBA-HUBBA!

IF WE MOVE UP THE JAPS WILL GET US! IF WE ***DON'T,*** THOSE SHIPS WILL, WHEN THEY EXPLODE! ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU HAVE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

* LANDING SHIP-MEDIUM

HOW ABOUT TRYIN' TO PUT OUT THE FIRE, CAP'N? THOSE L&M'S ALL HAVE WATER-PUMPS AND HOSES ON 'EM!

PRIVATE, CONSIDER YOURSELF A CORPORAL FROM NOW ON! LET'S GO!

DOUSE YOURSELF WITH WATER, CORPORAL!

YEAH! GOOD IDEA, CAP'N! IT'S GOIN' TO BE PLENTY HOT UP THERE!

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THIS IS THE GEAR.. PUMP AN' HOSE!

WE'LL LOWER IT OVERBOARD WITH THIS ROPE!

DOWN IT GOES!

AND WE'LL FOLLOW IT!

THIS IS THE QUICKEST WAY DOWN!

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OBSERVE, MAJOR! TWO YONKEE MARINES ARE PUTTING OUT THE FIRE!

OBSERVE ALSO, LIEUTENANT... WHILE *I STOP* THEM!

THE HOSE, CAP'N! THE NIPS HAVE SHOT A HOLE INTO IT!

LIEUTENANT! TELL YOUR MORTAR-MEN TO SEND A CLOBBER UP THERE ON THE LEFT FLANK OF THE RIDGE! THAT'S WHERE THE GUNFIRE IS COMING FROM!

YES, SIR!

NICE CLOBBERING, LIEUTENANT! THANKS!

I GAVE THE HOSE FIRST AID, CAP'N! WE'RE IN BUSINESS AGAIN!

WHILE THE CAP'N AND ME WORKED ON THE FIRE, OUR OUTFIT BEGAN WORMING THEIR WAY UP THE BLACK VOLCANIC RIDGE SLOPE...

WE CAN HOLD THEM BACK NO LONGER, MAJOR! OUR BULLETS DO NOT STOP THEM!

BUT I HAVE SOMETHING THAT *WILL!*

MY SPECIAL COMPANY OF *FLAME TROOPERS* IS WAITING ALONG THIS ENTIRE RIDGE TO GREET THE YONKEE MARINES!

GIVE THE 'MELICAN MARINES A SAMPLE OF OUR FLAMES!

SUDDENLY, THAT WHOLE CREST OF THE RIDGE SPROUTED A BLAZING CROWN OF FIRE, AS THE JAP FLAME-TROOPERS PUT ON AN ACT THAT STOPPED THE GYRENE SHOW...

TRYING TO TAKE THAT RIDGE NOW WILL BE A TOUGH JOB!

WE PUT ***THIS*** FIRE OUT WITH THIS PUMP AND HOSE, CAP'N... WHY CAN'T WE DO ***DITTO*** TO THOSE ***FLAME-HEAVERS?***

NO REASON AT ALL! AND A BRAIN STORM LIKE THAT IS WORTHY OF A SERGEANT, CORPORAL... SO ***NOW*** YOU'RE A ***SERGEANT!***

THANKS, CAP'N!

WE'LL GET EVERY WATER PUMP AND HOSE ABOARD THOSE ***LSM'S*** AND FIGHT THE JAP ***FLAME THROWERS*** WITH OUR ***WATER THROWERS!***

AFTER WE GOT ALL THE WATER-PUMPIN' GEAR OFF OF THE LANDING SHIPS, WE RIGGED UP THE PUMPS ON THE BEACH AND WE WERE READY FOR THE ATTACK...

DON'T WAIT FOR THE JAPS TO OPEN UP WITH THEIR FIRE-GUNS, MARINES! LET 'EM HAVE THE WATER... ***NOW!***

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THE NIP COMPANY OF ***FLAME TROOPERS*** AIMED THEIR FIRE-FLINGERS AT US AS WE ADVANCED TOWARD THE TOP OF THE BLACK RIDGE BEHIND OUR POWERFUL STREAMS OF WATER! THEY SHOT FIRE AT US AND WE SHOT ***WATER*** BACK AT THEM! IF THAT WASN'T THE STRANGEST BATTLE OF THE WAR, THEN ***SEMPER FIDELIS*** ISN'T THE MARINE CORPS' MOTTO!

OUR STREAMS OF WATER HAVE A GREATER RANGE THAN THEIR FLAME THROWERS, MARINES! STAY WHERE YOU ARE AND THEY CAN'T TOUCH YOU!

LIKE SILVER RAMMING RODS, THE FORCEFUL JETS OF WATER FROM OUR HOSES SLAMMED AND TOPPLED THE JAPS! THE WATER SUFFOCATED THEIR FLAME THROWERS AND THE FIRE FROM THEM SPUTTERED AND DIED IN THE GUN BARRELS!

KEEP THOSE HOSES GOING, GYRENES! THEIR FLAME GUNS ARE USELESS NOW! WE'LL HAVE THIS RIDGE IN ONE MORE GUNG HO!

ALL IS NOT LOST YET, SOLDIERS OF THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL ARMY! OUR RESERVE TROOPS WILL DRIVE THE YONKEE MARINES BACK INTO THE SEA, WITH A BANZAI!

YA-I-I-I! BANZAI!

THE BIG BANZAI CAME, BUT WE STAYED ON THAT RIDGE, SHOOTING WATER AND LEAD AT THE CHARGING JAPS!

POUR IT TO 'EM, LEATHERNECKS!

YOU LED YOUR MARINES UP THIS RIDGE, CAPTAIN... ALSO YOU WILL LEAD THEM TO JOIN ANCESTORS!

MY PISTOL CANNOT SHOOT! IT IS FILLED WITH WATER!

SURE. I *PLANNED* IT THAT WAY!

OUR RIFLES AND AMMUNITION ARE WET! WITHOUT WEAPONS WE CANNOT FIGHT! WE SURRENDER, YONKEE MARINES!

THAT BATTLE DIDN'T WIN *IWO JIMA* FOR US, BUT IT WON THE RIDGE! THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO CUT THE ISLAND AND ISOLATE *MT. SURIBACHI*, AND TO GET 30,000 MARINES ASHORE WITH ENOUGH SUPPLIES TO *KEEP* THEM ON *IWO*, NO MATTER WHAT THE JAPS HEAVED AT US!

YOUR BRAIN STORM HELPED WIN THAT RIDGE BACK THERE, SERGEANT! THAT'S WHY I GAVE YOU THOSE BATTLEFIELD PROMOTIONS! KEEP IT UP, AND BY THE TIME WE TAKE THIS ISLAND, *YOU MAY OUT-RANK ME!*

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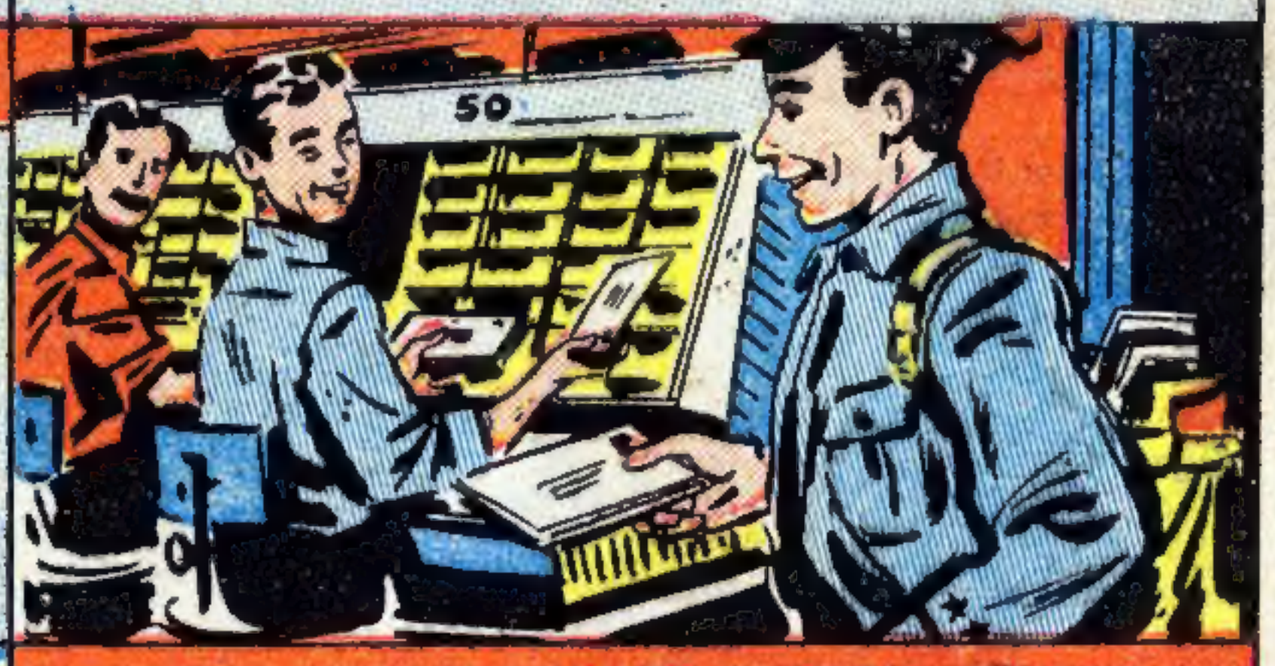

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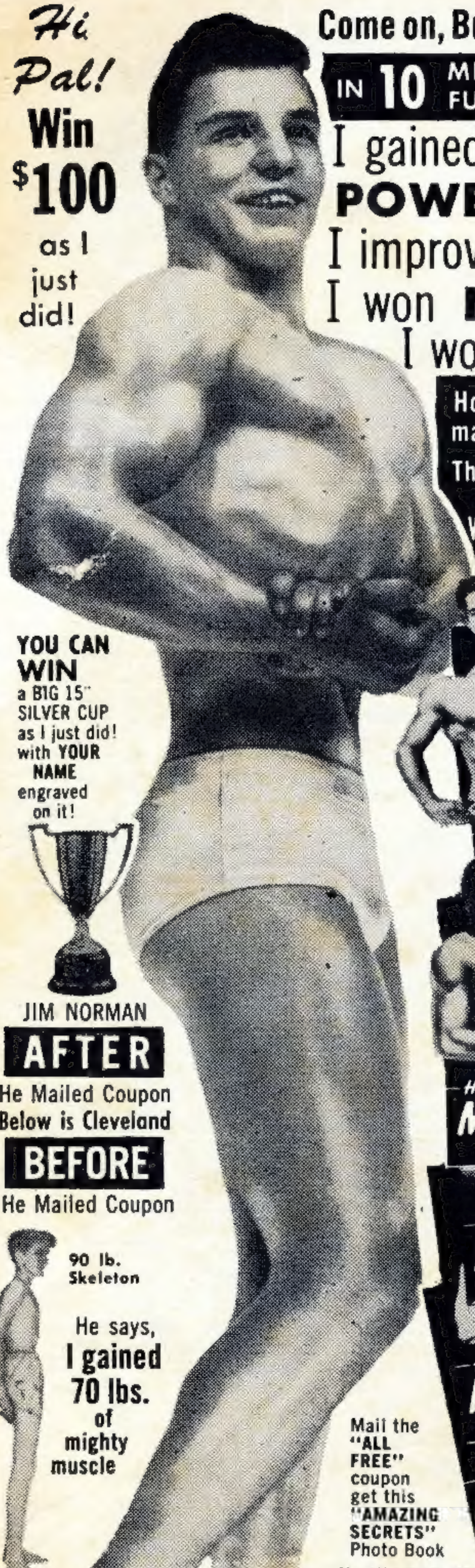

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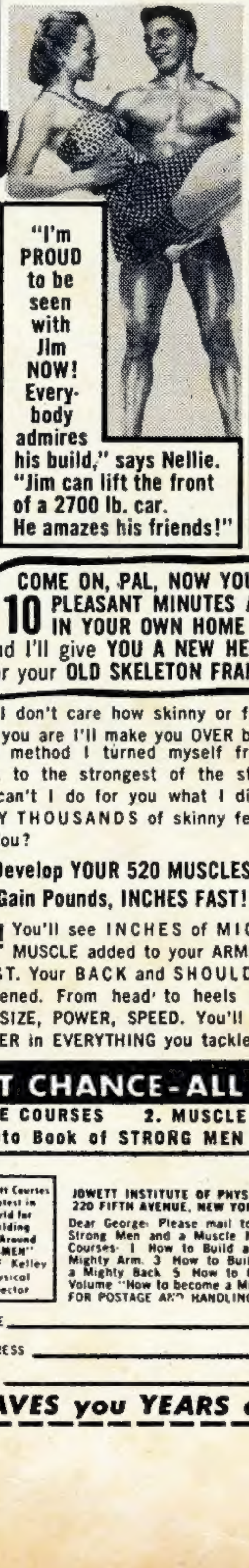

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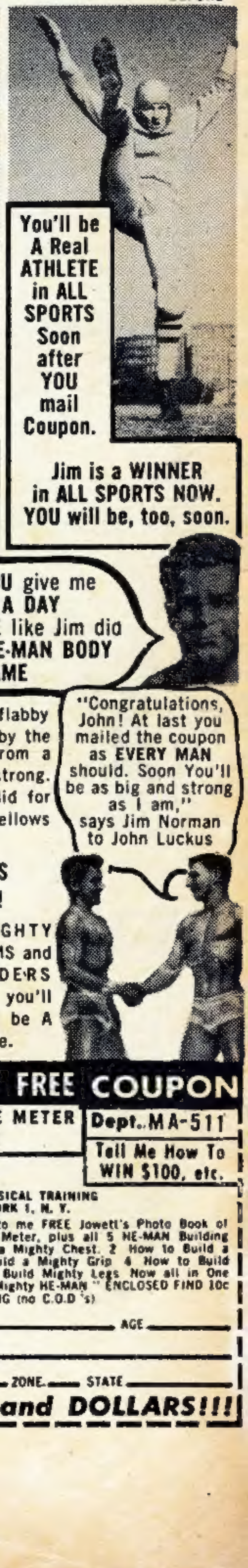

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